

## Storms in Midwest leave string of tornadoes, flooding

By JIM SALTER and KEN MILLER

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Dangerous storms left a string of more than 30 tornadoes across the central U.S., damaging homes in Oklahoma, demolishing a racetrack grandstand in Missouri and inundating the region with water over a short period. Two deaths, both in Missouri, were blamed on the severe weather that started in the Southern Plains Monday night and moved to the northeast. Missouri and parts of Illinois and Arkansas were in the crosshairs Tuesday. By Wednesday, the storm will move into Great Lakes region, where it will weaken.

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But another storm system was gathering steam for later this week, potentially covering an area from Texas to Chicago, according to the National Weather Service.

Patrick Marsh, warning coordination meteorologist for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Storm Prediction Center, said eyewitnesses reported 26 tornadoes Monday and six more Tuesday. One, near Tulsa, was a mile (1.61 kilometer) wide with winds in the range of 111 mph (179 kph) to 135 mph (217 kph).

"It certainly isn't anything to mess with," Marsh said.

A tornado early Tuesday near Tulsa International Airport injured one person and damaged about a dozen homes. The airport was unscathed, but passengers were moved into shelters for about 30 minutes and several flights were delayed.

Tulsa Area Emergency Management spokeswoman Kim MacLeod said crews rescued a man who was pinned under a tree. In Arkansas, crews were working Tuesday afternoon

to free a woman trapped under a tree topped by strong winds. Arkansas Department of Emergency Management spokeswoman Melody Daniel said the woman was alert and talking. Storms Monday evening flipped campers at Lucas Oil Speedway in Hickory County, Missouri, injuring seven people, four of whom were taken to hospitals. The speedway's grandstand also was destroyed, forcing cancellation of racing this weekend that was expected to draw about 3,000 campers.

Another twister Tuesday afternoon hit a hit a drive-thru wild animal park in southern Missouri. Webster County Emergency Management Director Tom Simmons said buildings were damaged at the Wild Animal Safari near Strafford, but there were no reports that people or animals were injured. All of the animals were accounted for. Simmons said about a half-dozen homes were damaged in the county. A tractor-trailer was blown off a highway.

Heavy rain was called a contributing factor in the deaths of two people in a traffic accident Tuesday near Springfield, Missouri.



Michelle Underwood searches through the wreckage of a feed store where she stored most of her belongings in Peggs, Okla., Tuesday, May 21, 2019.

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The Missouri State Highway Patrol said an SUV skidded across the center of U.S. 160 and struck a tractor-trailer, killing both people in the SUV, Brandon Beasley, 23, and his 24-year-old wife, Christin, of Willard, Missouri. Missouri authorities also reported several water rescues from flash flooding. Among them was an 18-year-old woman who was swept off a flooded road near Joplin Monday and stranded overnight until nearby residents heard her yelling. She had only minor injuries.

Missouri Gov. Mike Parson declared a state of emergency, citing worsening flood concerns and soil inundation, as well as forecasts calling severe storms and possible tornadoes into Wednesday morning. "The very heavy rainfall yesterday and today, combined with saturated soil and very high water levels on many rivers and streams

have created dangerous conditions around the state," Parson, a Republican, said in a statement. Flooding was also an issue in Oklahoma, where the Oklahoma Department of Transportation shut down Interstate 40 in El Reno, about 25 miles (40 kilometers) west of Oklahoma City, because of high water. The National Weather Service says up to 5 inches (13 centimeters) of rain had fallen since Monday. In El Reno and Stillwater, home to Oklahoma State University about 55 miles (88 kilometers) northeast of Oklahoma City, emergency responders rescued people from their homes.

With a potentially dangerous storm bearing down on St. Louis, baseball's Cardinals were taking no chances, calling off a Tuesday night game against the cross-state rival Kansas City Royals. Forecasters were warning of potential-

ly strong storms expected to arrive at downtown St. Louis shortly after the game was scheduled to start.

Heavy snow melt from the north and significant spring rains have led to waves of flooding in Missouri, and President Donald Trump on Monday issued a major disaster declaration for 13 counties in the state damaged by March flooding. The Missouri River is expected to reach major flood stage by the end of the week at Jefferson City, Hermann, St. Charles and elsewhere. The levee near Jefferson City's airport holds back water up to 30 feet (9.14 meters), Cole County Emergency Manager Bill Farr said, but the National Weather Service expects a crest of 32.3 feet (9.85 meters) Thursday. Sandbagging won't help because the levee is too long, he said.

"We're just keeping our fingers crossed," Farr said. □

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## SEAL's lawyer says Navy spied on defense without approval

**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — Lawyers for a Navy SEAL accused of murder say documents show prosecutors misled a judge to get approval to track emails sent to defense attorneys and a journalist.

Attorney Tim Parlatore says Navy investigators and the prosecutor didn't get warrants or proper approval

to investigate civilians in efforts to find the source of news leaks.

Parlatore declined to provide details, saying they would be aired at a hearing Wednesday in San Diego.

A Navy spokesman says the government won't comment before the hearing. Defense lawyers say prose-

cutors engaged in misconduct by spying on emails and may have violated attorney-client privilege. Special Operations Chief Edward Gallagher is charged with killing a wounded Islamic State prisoner under his care in Iraq in 2017 and then holding his reenlistment ceremony with the corpse. □

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## AG Barr says nationwide rulings are hampering Trump's agenda

By MICHAEL BALSAMO

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Attorney General William Barr is taking on another item from President Donald Trump's agenda, railing against judges who issue

personal lawyer instead of the nation's chief law enforcement officer.

At a re-election rally earlier this month, Trump railed against "activist judges who issue nationwide injunctions based on their personal

tion for Childhood Arrivals, an Obama-era program that shields young immigrants who were brought to the U.S. as children but don't have legal status to protect them from deportation.

The Justice Department, under former Attorney General Jeff Sessions, argued that the Obama administration acted unlawfully when it implemented DACA. Texas and other Republican-led states eventually sued and won a partial victory in a federal court in Texas.

Civil rights groups, advocates for immigrants and Democratic-led states all have sued to prevent the end of the program. □



In this April 18, 2019, file photo, Attorney General William Barr speaks about the release of a redacted version of special counsel Robert Mueller's report during a news conference at the Department of Justice in Washington.

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rulings blocking nationwide policies.

In a speech Tuesday night, Barr took aim at the broad judicial power, arguing that federal judges who have issued the so-called nationwide injunctions are hampering Trump's efforts on immigration, health care and other issues with "no clear end in sight." It is the latest example of Barr moving to embrace Trump's political talking points.

The attorney general is traditionally expected to carry out the president's agenda as a member of the Cabinet while trying to avoid political bias.

Democrats have cast Barr as an attorney general who acts more like Trump's

beliefs," which he said "undermine democracy and threaten the rule of law."

Administration officials have often complained about the proliferation of nationwide injunctions since Trump became president. Vice President Mike Pence said a few weeks ago that the administration intends to challenge the right of federal district courts to issue such rulings. "The legal community and the broader public should be more concerned, particularly about this trend of nationwide injunctions," Barr said.

Barr highlighted the legal fights that have happened in federal courts across the country over Deferred Ac-

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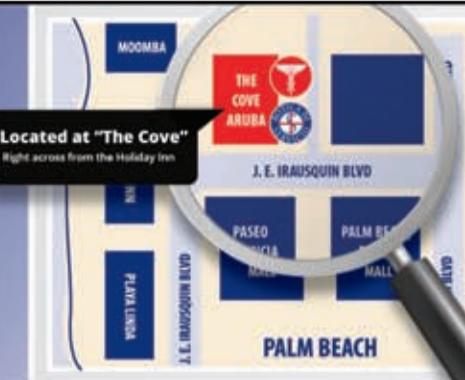
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In this Sept. 6, 2018, file photo, White House counsel Don McGahn listens as President Donald Trump's Supreme Court nominee, Brett Kavanaugh testifies before the Senate Judiciary Committee on Capitol Hill in Washington.

Associated Press

## Democratic impeachment calls swell as McGahn defies subpoena

By MARY CLARE JALONICK and LISA MASCARO  
 Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — More Democrats are calling — and more loudly — for impeachment proceedings against President Donald Trump after his latest defiance of Congress by blocking his former White House lawyer from testifying on

Tuesday.

A growing number of rank-and-file House Democrats, incensed by former counsel Don McGahn's empty chair in the Judiciary Committee hearing room, are confronting House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and pushing her and other leaders to act. Their impatience is running up against the speaker's preference for a more methodical approach, including already-unfolding court battles.

Pelosi summoned some of them — still a small fraction of the House Democratic caucus — to a meeting of investigators Wednesday to assess strategy.

Some other Democratic leaders, while backing Pelosi, signaled that a march to impeachment may at some point become inevitable.

"We are confronting what might be the largest, broadest cover-up in American history," Majority Leader Steny Hoyer told reporters. If a House inquiry "leads to other avenues including impeachment," the Maryland Democrat said, "so be it."

Reps. Joaquin Castro of Texas and Diana DeGette of Colorado added their voices to the impeachment inquiry chorus.

"There is political risk in doing so, but there's a greater risk to our country in doing nothing," Castro said on Twitter. "This is a fight for our democracy."

Tweeted DeGette: "The facts laid out in the Mueller report, coupled with this administration's ongoing attempts to stonewall Congress, leave us no other choice."

One Republican congressman, Justin Amash of

Michigan, has called for impeachment proceedings. He said Tuesday he thinks other GOP lawmakers should join him — but only after reading special counsel Robert Mueller's report carefully.

Republican House leader Kevin McCarthy dismissed Amash as out of step with House Republicans and "out of step with America." And Sen. Lindsey Graham of South Carolina said wryly of Amash's position, "I don't think it's going to be a trend-setting move."

As Democrats weigh their options, Trump is almost taunting them by testing the bounds of executive power in ways few other administrations have. The White House contends that even former employees like McGahn do not have to abide by subpoenas from Congress.

A short time later House Judiciary Chairman Jerrold Nadler issued subpoenas for more Trump administration officials — former White House communications director Hope Hicks and Annie Donaldson, a former aide in the White House counsel's office — for documents and testimony.

Trump's former White House counsel is the most-cited witness in Mueller's Trump-Russia investigation report, recounting the president's attempts to interfere with the probe. And that makes his silence all the more infuriating for Democrats.

Nadler gavelled open Tuesday's hearing with a stern warning that McGahn will be held in contempt for failing to appear.

"Our subpoenas are not optional," Nadler said. "We will not allow the president to stop this investigation." □

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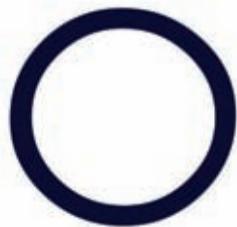
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## Washington is 1st state to allow composting of human bodies

By GENE JOHNSON

Associated Press

SEATTLE (AP) — Ashes to ashes, guts to dirt.

Gov. Jay Inslee signed legislation Tuesday making Washington the first state to approve composting as an alternative to burying or cremating human remains. It allows licensed facilities to offer "natural organic reduction," which turns a body, mixed with substances such as wood chips and straw, into about two wheelbarrows' worth of soil in a span of several weeks. Loved ones are allowed to keep the soil to spread, just as they might spread the ashes of someone who has been cremated — or even use it to plant vegetables or a tree.

"It gives meaning and use to what happens to our bodies after death," said Nora Menkin, executive director of the Seattle-based People's Memorial Association, which helps people plan for funerals.

Supporters say the method is an environmentally friendly alternative to cremation, which releases carbon dioxide and particulates into the air, and conventional burial, in which people are drained of their blood, pumped full of formaldehyde and other chemicals that can pollute groundwater, and placed in a nearly indestructible coffin, taking up land.

"That's a serious weight on the earth and the environ-

ment as your final farewell," said Sen. Jamie Pedersen, the Seattle Democrat who sponsored the measure.

He said the legislation was inspired by his neighbor: Katrina Spade, who was an architecture graduate student at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, when she began researching the funeral industry. She came up with the idea for human composting, modeling it on a practice farmers have long used to dispose of livestock.

She tweaked the process and found that wood chips, alfalfa and straw created a mixture of nitrogen and carbon that accelerates natural decomposition when a body is placed in a temperature- and moisture-controlled vessel and rotated.

A pilot project at Washington State University tested the idea last year on six bodies, all donors who Spade said wanted to be part of the study.

In 2017, Spade founded Recompose, a company working to bring the concept to the public. It's working on raising nearly \$7 million to establish a facility in Seattle and begin to expand elsewhere, she said. State law previously dictated that remains be disposed of by burial or cremation. The law, which takes effect in May 2020, added composting as well as alkaline hydrolysis, a process already legal in



Washington Gov. Jay Inslee, center, turns to talk with Katrina Spade, upper left, the founder and CEO of Recompose, a company that hopes to use composting as an alternative to burying or cremating human remains, Tuesday, May 21, 2019, at the Capitol in Olympia, Wash., before signing a bill into law that allows licensed facilities to offer "natural organic reduction," which turns a body, mixed with substances such as wood chips and straw, into soil in a span of several weeks.

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19 other states. The latter uses heat, pressure, water and chemicals like lye to reduce remains.

Cemeteries across the country are allowed to offer natural or "green" burials, by which people are buried in biodegradable shrouds or caskets without being embalmed. Composting could be a good option in cities where cemetery land is scarce, Pedersen said. Spade described

it as "the urban equivalent to natural burial."

The state senator said he has received angry emails from people who object to the idea, calling it undignified or disgusting.

"The image they have is that you're going to toss Uncle Henry out in the backyard and cover him with food scraps," Pedersen said. To the contrary, he said, the process will be respectful. Recompose's website envi-

sions an atrium-like space where bodies are composted in compartments stacked in a honeycomb design. Families will be able to visit, providing an emotional connection typically missing at crematoriums, the company says.

"It's an interesting concept," said Edward Bixby, president of the Placerville, California-based Green Burial Council. "I'm curious to see how well it's received." □



In this April 30, 2019 file photo, John T. Earnest appears for his arraignment hearing in San Diego.

Associated Press

## New federal charges filed in California synagogue shooting

**SAN DIEGO (AP)** — New federal charges were filed Tuesday against a man accused of opening fire in a Southern California synagogue, killing one person and wounding three others.

A grand jury handed up a revised indictment against John T. Earnest, 19, that adds four counts of discharging a firearm during crimes of violence.

He earlier pleaded not guilty to 109 federal charges, including committing a hate crime, and to state charges, including murder, in connection with the April 27 attack on the Chabad of Poway synagogue. Those charges also include attempted arson at a mosque in nearby Escondido a month earlier.

Prosecutors haven't decided whether to seek the death penalty.

Prosecutors say Earnest

opened fire with a semi-automatic assault rifle and was carrying 50 extra rounds but had trouble reloading the weapon. During that pause, several members of the congregation, including an off-duty Border Patrol agent, chased him away, authorities said. He drove away but was later captured.

The attack killed 60-year-old Lori Kaye, who was hit twice as she prayed in the synagogue foyer. Wounded were Rabbi Yisroel Goldstein, who was leading the service on the last day of the Jewish holiday of Passover, an 8-year-old girl and her uncle.

On Wednesday evening, the synagogue plans to dedicate a Torah scroll — a handwritten copy of biblical books that is considered the most sacred object in Judaism — in honor of Kaye. □

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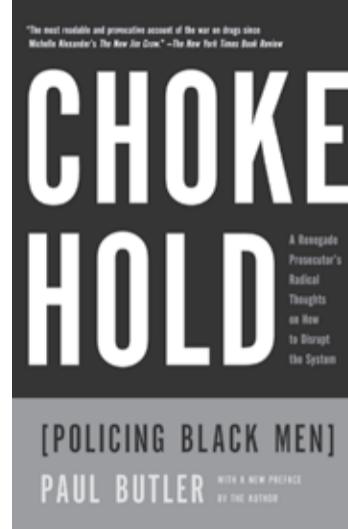
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## Arizona prisons urged to end ban on book about black men

By TERRY TANG

Associated Press

**PHOENIX (AP)** — Arizona has banned prisoners from



This cover image released by The New Press shows "Chokehold: Policing Black Men" by Paul Butler.

Associated Press

reading a book that discusses the impact of the criminal justice system on black men, drawing outcry from First Amendment advocates who say the move is censorship.

The American Civil Liberties Union called on the Arizona Department of Corrections this week to rescind the ban on "Chokehold: Policing Black Men." The book by Paul Butler, a former federal prosecutor, examines law enforcement and mass incarceration through its treatment of African American men.

"In order for them to ban a book, they have to show the restriction is related to a legitimate prison interest," said Emerson Sykes, an ACLU attorney. "There's no interest to keep inmates from learning about the criminal justice system and policing."

Butler, a criminal law professor at Georgetown University, said his publisher was notified by email in March that his book had "unauthorized content." The notice did not specify what led to the decision but warned that some aspect of the 2017 book was "detrimental to the safe, secure, and orderly opera-

tion of the facility."

Butler said he is mystified as to what raised alarm bells. He uses the title, which is a maneuver police have used to restrain a suspect by the neck, throughout the book as a metaphor for how society and law subjugate black men. Nowhere does Butler advocate violent or retaliatory behavior. "I disavow violence because first, I think it's immoral, and second, because it wouldn't work," Butler said. "I've received letters from several inmates who have read 'Chokehold' while they are serving time. No one has indicated that reading 'Chokehold' has caused any problems in prison."

Arizona's corrections department prohibits inmates from receiving publications that contain any depictions or descriptions that would incite or facilitate a riot, a resistance or stopping work. They also can't contain pictures, illustrations or text that encourage "unacceptable sexual or hostile behaviors." Any publications with sexually explicit material or sexual representations of inmates and law enforcement also are not permitted.

Corrections spokesman Andrew Wilder said the department had not yet received the ACLU's letter asking for the ban to be reversed and declined further comment Monday.

The agency is in a court battle over a similar case. Prison Legal News, a monthly journal, sued corrections officials in 2015 for refusing to deliver four issues in 2014. The publication said in court documents that there were descriptions of "non-salacious" sexual contact between jail guards and prisoners when talking about incidents where inmates were sexually harassed. The case is set for trial later this year.

Supporters say access to books for the more than 2 million people incarcerated in the U.S. can make all the difference for life

outside the prison walls. More education decreases the likelihood of repeat offenses and can lead to better job prospects later, according to inmate advocates. They point to studies showing the literacy rates of incarcerated white, black and Hispanic people are significantly lower than their non-incarcerated counterparts.

About half the adult prison population doesn't have a high school degree, said Christia Mercer, a philosophy professor at Columbia University who has taught classes in New York prisons. Reading books can be transformative and help them feel like they are using their time to make something of themselves.

"Unless the book itself promotes violence, there is never a reason not to allow it," Mercer said. "Short of that, anything that gets people to read and think about themselves in the world is just going to be good for the person."

Arizona's population of 7.1 million is roughly 5% black, according to the U.S. census. As of October 2018, the corrections department found black people make up 14.5% of the 42,000 inmates in the Arizona system.

"One in 19 black men are in prison in Arizona right now," Butler said. "Rather than acknowledge it's a good thing that inmates want to read about and debate important public policy, Arizona pushes back against rehabilitation, against literacy, against the Constitution."

Sykes, of the ACLU, said the group is prepared to sue if corrections officials fail to respond to its written request to end the book's exclusion. He believes the ban was made based on content, which would be unconstitutional.

It's not uncommon for state prisons to ban books, Sykes said. "Chokehold" is also not the first book dealing with racial justice issues to be prohibited. □



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## San Francisco police chief: Journalist 'crossed the line'

By JANIE HAR

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) —

The San Francisco police chief said Tuesday that he respects the news media but a freelance journalist whose home and office were raided by officers had "crossed the line" by joining a conspiracy to steal a confidential report.

Chief William Scott addressed reporters at a news conference, hours after police agreed in court to return property seized from Bryan Carmody in raids aimed at uncovering the source of a leaked police report into the unexpected death of the city's public defender, Jeff Adachi.

Tensions are high in the case, which has alarmed journalism advocates and put pressure on elected leaders in this politically liberal city to defend the press.

Authorities believe that a police department employee was involved and had contact with Carmody.

"We believe that that contact and that interaction went across the line. It went past just doing your job as a journalist," Scott said.

He added: "This is a big deal to us, as well it should be. It's a big deal to the public. It's a big deal to you all."

Scott said the primary target of the ongoing investigation is the employee, whose identity investigators do not know. He said the secondary focus is on Carmody, who may have been motivated by profit or a desire to tarnish Adachi's reputation, or both.

Carmody's attorney, Thomas Burke, declined to comment. Carmody did not respond to an email request for comment. He said on Twitter that he was pleased

with the return of his equipment but that he will have to replace numerous cameras, cellphones and computers for security reasons. A GoFundMe campaign has raised nearly \$15,000 for him.

His main goal, he said, is to ensure "that nothing seized can be used against myself, North Bay Television News or our sources."

Media organizations across the country criticized the May 10 raids as a violation of California's shield law, which specifically protects journalists from search warrants. The Associated Press is among dozens of news organizations siding with Carmody and seeking to submit a friend-of-the-court brief.

The case will soon return to court. Carmody's attorney and media organizations have asked to unseal warrant materials and revoke the search warrants. San Francisco Superior Court Judge Samuel Feng has not ruled yet on those requests, but he set deadlines for further filings.

The editorial board of the San Francisco Chronicle has joined with other publications in criticizing city leaders, including Mayor London Breed, for failing to quickly condemn the police actions. A Chronicle report published Monday named supervisors who have not returned messages for comment on the raids.

When they arrived at Carmody's home, police had a sledgehammer, and they cuffed him for hours.

Breed initially defended the raids but on Sunday posted messages on Twitter saying she was "not okay" with raids on reporters.

District Attorney George Gascon, whose office



San Francisco Police Chief William Scott answers questions during a news conference, Tuesday, May 21, 2019, in San Francisco.

Associated Press

would normally be responsible for prosecuting Carmody, condemned the police. He said he has not seen the warrants, which are sealed, but he could not imagine a situation where warrants would be appropriate.

"Seizing the entire haystack to find the needle risks violating the confidences Mr. Carmody owes to all his sources, not just the person who leaked the police report," he said in a Monday tweet.

The police chief acknowledged the uproar, saying that in hindsight the department could have done things differently and will strive to learn from its mistakes.

"We respect the news media," he said. "We have to own what we own and move forward, and try to get better at what we do." The city attorney's office did not send an attorney to Tuesday's hearing, and spokesman John Cote said the office is "not appearing in court on that matter."

The duties of the city attorney's office include providing legal services to city agencies such as police, but Cote said the office does not represent the police in proceedings related to search warrants, because police have their own in-house counsel for that.

In court documents, Carmody has said he is a veteran journalist who is often the first on the scene of breaking news. He provides video news packages to outlets in return for payment.

He said a source gave him a preliminary police report on Adachi's death that contained unsavory details. Carmody went on to sell copies of the report along with video footage from the scene of the death and information obtained from interviews to three news stations.

The leak infuriated city supervisors. They scolded police for anonymously releasing the report to the

press, saying it was an attempt to smear the legacy of Adachi, who was an outspoken critic of police. An autopsy blamed Adachi's Feb. 22 death on a mixture of cocaine and alcohol that compromised an already bad heart.

People who want to crack down on journalists come in all political stripes, said Jim Wheaton, founder of the First Amendment Project, a public interest law firm.

"They went after him because he's all by himself," Wheaton said. "And the fact that he sells the materials that he packages. He puts together a journalism report including documents and sells it. That's what journalism is." It was unclear who is paying Carmody's legal fees. His attorney, Thomas Burke, declined to comment. San Francisco police have defended the raids, and police attorney Ronnie Wagner said she intends to respond to the requests made by Burke and others. □

# Seeking Brexit support, May offers vote on new referendum

By JILL LAWLESS

Associated Press

**LONDON (AP)** — In a major concession, British Prime Minister Theresa May on Tuesday offered U.K. lawmakers the chance to vote on whether to hold a new referendum on the country's membership in the European Union — but only if they back her thrice-rejected Brexit agreement.

May made the offer as part of a desperate attempt to persuade Parliament to back a divorce deal that will allow the U.K. make an orderly, if delayed, departure from the EU.

She plans to ask the House of Commons to vote in early June on a withdrawal agreement bill, in what May called a "last chance" to seal a Brexit deal. Soon after that vote, she will give a timetable for her departure as Conservative leader and prime minister.

In a speech Tuesday, May said the bill would include "a requirement to vote on whether to hold a second



Britain's Prime Minister Theresa May delivers a speech in London, Tuesday, May 21, 2019.

Associated Press

referendum" that would give Britons a chance to approve or reject the terms of Brexit. A referendum is a key demand of opposition lawmakers who have until now rejected May's deal. "I do not believe that this is a route we should take," said May, who has long opposed a new public vote on Brexit. "But I recognize

the genuine and sincere strength of feeling across the House on this important issue."

The Brexit referendum, however, will only happen if Parliament backs the EU withdrawal bill and it becomes law, something that still seems unlikely, despite May's last-minute changes. Jeremy Corbyn, leader of

the main opposition Labour Party, said May's new bill was merely "a repackaging of the same old bad deal, rejected three times by Parliament."

Ian Blackford, a lawmaker with the pro-EU Scottish National Party, said it was "too little, too late from a prime minister who is headed for the exit door."

May's tack toward the opposition further angered pro-Brexit Conservative lawmakers, who are already furious at her failure to take Britain out of the EU on schedule. They want to replace her with a staunch Brexit supporter such as Boris Johnson, a former foreign secretary.

"There's nothing new or bold about this bad buffet of non-Brexit options," said Ian Duncan Smith, a former Conservative leader.

Conservative lawmaker Owen Paterson, a prominent Brexiteer, tweeted that the referendum vote promise was "a direct insult to 17.4m people" who voted in 2016 to leave the EU. Britain voted for Brexit in June 2016 and was due to leave the EU on March 29, but the bloc has extended the deadline until Oct. 31 amid the U.K.'s political impasse. Talks on securing a compromise on the Brexit deal between May's Conservatives and Labour broke down last week. □

# Austrian chancellor set to face confidence vote next week

By GEIR MOULSON

Associated Press

**BERLIN (AP)** — Austrian Chancellor Sebastian Kurz is set to face a no-confidence vote in parliament next week after his governing coalition collapsed over a corruption scandal. Speaker Wolfgang Sobotka, a member of Kurz's conservative People's Party, set a special session of the legislature for Monday. Opposition parties wanted it held this week, but Sobotka said he wants to "give space to the EU election campaign," the Austria Press Agency reported Tuesday. Austria elects European Parliament lawmakers Sunday.

The opposition Now party has drawn up a no-confidence motion seeking to oust Kurz before an early national election expected in September.

Kurz called for that election after far-right Freedom Party leader Heinz-Christian Strache, who was his vice chancellor, resigned Saturday. Strache was shown on



Austrian President Alexander Van der Bellen, left, shake hands with Austrian Chancellor Sebastian Kurz, of the Austrian People's Party, OeVP, right, prior to their meeting at the Hofburg palace in Vienna, Austria, Tuesday, May 21, 2019.

Associated Press

video appearing to offer favors to a purported Russian investor during a meeting two years ago on the Spanish island of Ibiza. Kurz's party holds only 61 of

the 183 seats in parliament. It isn't yet clear whether the second- and third-biggest parties, the center-left Social Democrats and the Freedom Party, will vote to

remove him — depriving the 32-year-old of the advantage of going into the national election as the incumbent. That would leave President

Alexander Van der Bellen to name an interim chancellor.

While Kurz remains in office Van der Bellen has asked him to propose interim ministers to replace the Freedom Party politicians who have left the government — including the interior, defense and labor ministers. The president said Foreign Minister Karin Kneissl, who was nominated by the Freedom Party but isn't a party member, has agreed to stay on.

Van der Bellen, a liberal whose position puts him above the cut-and-thrust of politics, said the interim ministers will have to be "impeccable experts."

"Let us not forget that there has been a massive betrayal of trust as a result of this disturbing image of immorality from Ibiza," he said after meeting Kurz.

Strache has said he was set up through illegal surveillance but conceded his behavior was "stupid, irresponsible and a mistake." □

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## Spain: Jailed Catalans, far right deputies in new Parliament

By ARITZ PARRA

Associated Press

MADRID (AP) — A fragmented Spanish Parliament convened Tuesday after last month's inconclusive general election, including for the first time Catalan politicians released from pre-trial detention for the occasion, as well as two dozen lawmakers from an upstart far-right party.

Socialist leader Pedro Sánchez won the national election but fell short of enough seats to form a government on his own. He has put off negotiations on governing alliances until after the European ballot concludes on Sunday, which in Spain coincides with votes to elect local councils and a dozen regional governments.

Escorted by police, four separatists on trial for Catalonia's 2017 secession at-



Lawmakers gather for the opening session of Spain's new Parliament in Madrid, Spain, Tuesday May 21, 2019.

Associated Press

tempt, including former Catalan regional Vice President Oriol Junqueras, appeared in the Congress of Deputies, while former

Catalan regional minister for international relations Raül Romeva was ferried to the Senate from a jail some 40 kilometers outside

of Madrid.

The Supreme Court has allowed them to attend the opening sessions in Madrid but they are likely to be

barred from future meetings by the chambers' governing bodies elected on Tuesday.

Dressed in suits and exchanging embraces and greetings with other lawmakers, Junqueras and the three others took seats in the Congress of Deputies among political opponents, including two far-right Vox party deputies who are also prosecutors in their ongoing trial for rebellion and other charges that could land them in prison for decades.

Vox is the first parliamentary party that openly espouses Spanish nationalism since dictator Gen. Francisco Franco died in 1975. It wants to use its 24 seats among the 350 lower house lawmakers to propose legal reforms on abortion, violence against women and migration. □

## Official: Poland entitled to seek German WWII reparations

Associated Press

WARSAW, Poland (AP) — A Polish official said his country is entitled to seek World War II reparations from Germany, arguing Tuesday that no documents or records show Poland ever renounced its right to do so. Berlin has repeatedly said there is no legal basis for the claims because the matter was settled in a 1953 agreement. But prominent ruling party lawmaker Arkadiusz Mularczyk told The Associated Press said that a copy of a 1953 note from a government session, signed only by Poland's communist leader of the time, Boleslaw Bierut, is not legally binding. Poland's current authorities

have argued the 1953 decision is invalid because it was dictated by Moscow when Poland was a satellite of the Soviet Union.

Mularczyk believes that raising reparations with Berlin would improve bilateral ties. He said Poland has not been adequately compensated for the human and material losses it suffered under Nazi German occupation from 1939-45. Mularczyk heads a team of experts counting the losses and their long-term effects on Poland, and intends to present it to Germany and other countries on Sept. 1, the 80th anniversary of the German invasion of Poland. Poland's ruling con-

servative nationalist Law and Justice party said last year that the nation deserves compensation for its losses and set up a team of lawmakers under Mularczyk's leadership to estimate how much is due.

He said the estimate of losses will be higher than the currently cited \$850 million, which derives from a 1947 count. It will include losses to all who were Poland's citizens in 1939, including Jews and other minorities. Germany has paid some compensation to individual Poles who were forced laborers or victims of German pseudo-medical experiments during the Nazis' wartime occupation. □



Poland's ruling party lawmaker Arkadiusz Mularczyk talks to The Associated Press in the parliament building in Warsaw, Poland, on Tuesday, May 21, 2019, about a report that assesses Poland's World War II losses and that, he says, will be given to German government.

Associated Press

# UN envoy warns Libya is on verge of descending to civil war

By EDITH M. LEDERER

Associated Press

UNITED NATIONS (AP) —

The U.N. envoy for Libya warned Tuesday that the oil-rich nation "is on the verge of descending into a civil war" that could divide the country and imperil the security of its neighbors and the wider Mediterranean region.

Ghassan Salame told the Security Council that extremists from the Islamic State and al-Qaida are already exploiting the security vacuum sparked by the offensive to take the capital Tripoli launched April 4 by the self-styled Libyan National Army led by Field Marshal Khalifa Hifter.

He said the black flags of the Islamic State extremist group are appearing in southern Libya and there have been four attacks by its fighters in the south since April 4 that together have killed 17 people, wounded more than 10 and led to eight kidnappings.

"Libyan forces that had



In this Aug. 14, 2017 file photo, Libyan militia commander General Khalifa Hifter meets with Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov in Moscow, Russia.

Associated Press

in the past courageously defended their country against these terrorist groups are now busy fighting each other," Salame said.

Besides innocent Libyans being increasingly subjected to the increasing wrath of Islamic State extremists, he said, "there will be spill-over of this violence to Lib-

ya's immediate neighbors." Civil war in Libya in 2011 toppled and later killed longtime dictator Moammar Gadhafi, and the chaos that followed resulted

in a divided country, with a U.N.-aligned, but weak, administration in Tripoli overseeing the country's west and a government in the east aligned with Hifter. Each is backed by an array of militias and armed groups fighting over resources and territory.

Salame lamented that when Hifter launched the offensive on April 4 "the capital was enjoying a measure of increased security, the population a much more stable currency and an improved economic outlook, and the political process, despite many obstacles, was moving forward" with a national conference 10 days away to chart a roadmap to elections and a united future for Libya.

But 48 days into Hifter's offensive, he said, more than 460 people have died, including 29 civilians, over 2,400 mainly civilians have been wounded, and over 75,000 civilians have been forced from their homes. □

# Greece: Supreme court hears appeal for far-left killer

Associated Press

ATHENS, Greece (AP) —

Greece's supreme court on Tuesday examined the rejection of a furlough request by a hunger-striking extremist serving multiple life sentences for the killing of 11 people by Greece's deadliest militant organization.

Dimitris Koufodinas, a hit man for the now defunct November 17 group which killed 23 people from 1975-2000, has been on hunger strike for more than two weeks over the refusal of his request for a leave of absence from prison. He was moved to intensive care in a hospital in the central city of Volos last week.

There has been a barrage of vandal attacks on high-profile targets in support of Koufodinas, 61, who was convicted in 2003 and was moved to a minimum-security agricultural prison last summer. He has received six furloughs since late 2017. The latest vandalism occurred in the middle of



Red paint is seen on the wall of the Parliament building as Greek Presidential Guards, changing of the guard at the tomb of the unknown Soldier in Athens, Tuesday, May 21, 2019.

Associated Press

the day Tuesday, when a group of about 10 people threw red paint at parliament and set off a smoke bomb. Other targets have included the U.S. ambassador's home, banks, shops,

political offices and police stations

The Rouvikonas anarchist group claimed responsibility for the parliament attack, as it had done for the paint-throwing against the

exterior of the U.S. ambassador's garden wall. Police said one person was arrested in connection with the parliament incident,

while authorities launched an investigation into how

the paint-throwers gained access to the building's exterior.

Later Tuesday, riot police fired tear gas to disperse a group of anarchists who tried to vandalize electoral stands in central Athens before European Parliament and Greek local elections Sunday. The anarchists were holding a march to voice support for Koufodinas. No arrests were reported.

Tuesday's hearing, which was to determine whether Koufodinas' request should be re-examined, was held behind closed doors and with a heavy police guard. Supreme court prosecutor Xeni Dimitriou, who had ordered a review of the decision to deny the furlough, has argued even those serving multiple life sentences are entitled to leaves of absence from prison. The supreme court panel hearing the case is expected to issue a decision in the coming days. □



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## Ex-Philippine judge says she was held at Hong Kong airport

By JIM GOMEZ

Associated Press

MANILA, Philippines (AP)

— A former Philippine Supreme Court justice who accused Chinese President Xi Jinping of crimes against humanity before the International Criminal Court said she was barred for hours Tuesday from entering Hong Kong.

Conchita Carpio-Morales said she was stopped by immigration authorities and was held in a room at Hong Kong's airport for about four hours and ordered to take a flight back to Manila. She had planned to take a vacation for five days in Hong Kong with her husband, son, daughter-in-law and two grandchildren, who were all allowed entry.

Hong Kong airport and immigration officials later told her "there was a mistake" and that she could pro-



In this March 22, 2019, file photo, Philippine Supreme Court justice Conchita Carpio-Morales listens to a question during a news conference in Manila, Philippines.

Associated Press

ceed with her trip to Hong Kong, but she and her family had already decided to

return home because of the incident, she said.

"I have never been sub-

jected to this kind of humiliation," Carpio-Morales told The Associated Press by

telephone while waiting for her flight back to Manila. She said she and her family did not want to take the risk of being subjected to further scrutiny.

A Hong Kong immigration official who spoke on condition of anonymity in order to discuss a specific immigration case said Carpio-Morales had been admitted to Hong Kong.

After flying back to Manila with her family late Tuesday, Carpio-Morales told reporters she had repeatedly asked Hong Kong airport authorities why she was denied entry but was told only that it was because of unspecified "immigration reasons."

Carpio-Morales, 77, is a respected former Supreme Court associate justice and head of the Ombudsman, a special anti-corruption agency. □

## Official count shows Widodo reelected as Indonesian leader

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP) — Indonesian President Joko Widodo has been elected for a second term, official results showed, in a victory over a would-be strongman who aligned himself with Islamic hard-liners and vowed Tuesday to challenge the result in the country's highest court.

Official counting was completed just before midnight and the Election Commission announced the formal result early Tuesday. It said Widodo won 55.5% of the vote in the April 17 election to 45.5% for his challenger, ultra-nationalist former

Gen. Prabowo Subianto. Tens of thousands of police officers and soldiers were on high alert in Jakarta, the capital, anticipating protests from Subianto's supporters. The Election Commission's headquarters in central Jakarta were barricaded with razor wire and heavily guarded.

Declaring victory, Widodo said he and his running mate, conservative cleric Ma'ruf Amin, "will be the president and vice president of all the people in Indonesia."

Indonesia, the world's most populous Muslim-majority

nation, is an outpost of democracy in a Southeast Asian neighborhood of authoritarian governments and is forecast to be among the world's biggest economies by 2030. A second term for Widodo, the first Indonesian president from outside the Jakarta elite, could further cement the country's two decades of democratization.

Widodo's campaign highlighted his progress in poverty reduction and improving Indonesia's inadequate infrastructure with new ports, toll roads, airports and mass rapid transit. □



Indonesian President Joko Widodo, center left, and his running mate Ma'ruf Amin gesture as they pose for photographers after declaring their victory in the country's presidential election, at a slum in Jakarta, Indonesia, Monday, Tuesday, May 21, 2019.

Associated Press

# Argentina: Fernández in court for first corruption trial

By ALMUDENA CALATRAVA  
Associated Press

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina (AP) — Argentina's former President Cristina Fernández appeared in court Tuesday for the first in a series of corruption trials ahead of a planned run for the vice presidency.

The trial comes just days after Fernández surprised Argentines by announcing that she would seek the vice presidency, with her former Cabinet chief Alberto Fernández at the top of the ticket.

She had been expected to run directly against conservative President Mauricio Macri during the October election.

Security agents cordoned off the federal courtroom in Buenos Aires as Fernández arrived to face charges of heading "an illegal association" for embezzlement involving public works projects during her 2007-2015 presidency. She denies any wrongdoing and she remains a highly popular



Former President Cristina Fernández speaks with her lawyer Carlos Beraldí inside a federal courtroom in Buenos Aires, Argentina, Tuesday, May 21, 2019.

Associated Press

if divisive figure among Argentines.

"A new trial where I should have never been summoned is beginning," Fernández said on Twitter. "This is a new act of perse-

cution with only one goal: to place a former president who opposes the current government in the defendant's bench during a presidential campaign."

At the courtroom, she lis-

tened to the charges against her while she sat next to her attorney, but she did not comment. Politicians, union leaders and human rights leaders supporting her sat nearby sep-

arated by a glass panel. Outside, dozens of sympathizers chanted her name and waved national flags in sky-blue and white. In separate cases, Fernández faces formal investigations into allegations of money laundering and criminal association during her administration and that of Nestor Kirchner, her late husband and predecessor.

Although several former Argentine presidents have faced trials, Fernández is the only one to do so while having a clear chance of returning to power.

The weekend announcement that Alberto Fernández — no relation — would instead lead the ticket shook up the election race and forced political parties to rethink their strategies.

Analyst Roberto Bacman of the Buenos Aires-based Center for Public Opinion Studies said that Fernández's announcement shifted the spotlight from the trial and softened her image before the judges. □

# Mexico studies building new immigration facilities

By MARIA VERZA  
Associated Press

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Mexico is studying a change in the way it handles the migrants who have been overwhelming its facilities near the border with Guatemala, and may try to keep more of them in newly constructed voluntary shelters rather than in detention facilities.

Tonatiuh Guillén, director of the National Immigration Institute, told The Associated Press this week that migrants requesting asylum or certain other visas would be free to come and go from the facilities. He said the first such shelter would be built in Chiapas near the southern border.

Guillén said officials are looking at a 37-acre (15 hectare) property in Tapachula. "If everything goes well, in the second half of the year we would begin design and hopefully construction of the new facility that is more like a shelter and not confinement, co-



In this April 29, 2019 file photo, Rahjít, from India, poses for a photo as he waits with other migrants for a ticket to register their entry into Mexico at an immigration station in Tapachula, Chiapas state, Mexico.

Associated Press

existence and not control," he said.

Mexico has been overwhelmed by the flow of U.S.-bound migrants, especially Central American

families with children, in recent months, many of whom have travelled in caravans.

President Andrés Manuel López Obrador has insisted

that his main strategy to deal with migration is to improve conditions in their countries of origin so they don't feel compelled to leave.

However, detentions and deportations in Mexico are up 150% so far this year.

Guillén did not provide many details for the plan that is still being developed. But he said the idea is to reduce the number of immigrant detention centers — there are now more than 50 — and reserve them for migrants who are awaiting deportation.

The rest, such as those requesting asylum or holding regional permits to work or travel in southern Mexico, would have access to the new shelters.

"This proposal speaks to the crisis in Mexico's immigration system and mainly in the (National Immigration Institute)," said Abdal Caramo, a researcher at the College of the Southern Border.

He said that while details are unclear, he was worried that if the shelters could become recruitment centers for workers rather than humanitarian shelters for families. □

## LOCAL



## Where is your mental maturity?

By Cdr. Bud Slabbaert

ST. MAARTEN — The older I get, the more I start asking why, and I start questioning all the answers. Maybe it's a remnant of the child in me. When children are getting to the age of three, they start asking questions. It heralds a sudden upsurge in their intellectual development. The very youngest will simply accept that things are the way they are, like mother milk. Past a certain age the child with a greater degree of mental maturity will want to know why. You are an adult, where do you stand? Do you estimate that you have mental maturity enough to stop asking questions? Wow, I got you there!

At the age of around three, the process of "individuation" occurs. Children begin to become aware of themselves as individuals and start to see the gap between how the world is and how they want it to be. I bet that most of you still see the gap, but what are you doing about it? Be honest with yourself; most likely nothing! You do what you need to do and not what you want to do, and that's how life continues to run smoothly. Right? Is that your way or his/her way? Okay, have it either way if that satisfies you. You see? That is where Individuation comes in, and it applies to our private life just as much as to business and even industry. Or..., one could just go by the option that what seems to be is better than nothing.

### Most of what we do is a bunch of nonsense!

"Why" is not simply about curiosity. It is about asking for a reason. Ask the why-question to people in any kind of activity. Most likely you'll get the answer that they were told to do so or have always done it that way. Often the "Answer" to the "Why" is more like "Rocks are hard and water is wet". People really start slipping and sliding with their responses, when more why-questions are coming thick and fast, and go on like a broken record of whys. One is becoming subject to be considered a nuisance. Who wants to be a nuisance? And so, that's where the questioning stops most of the times.

What is considered a nuisance here, is where the most brilliant

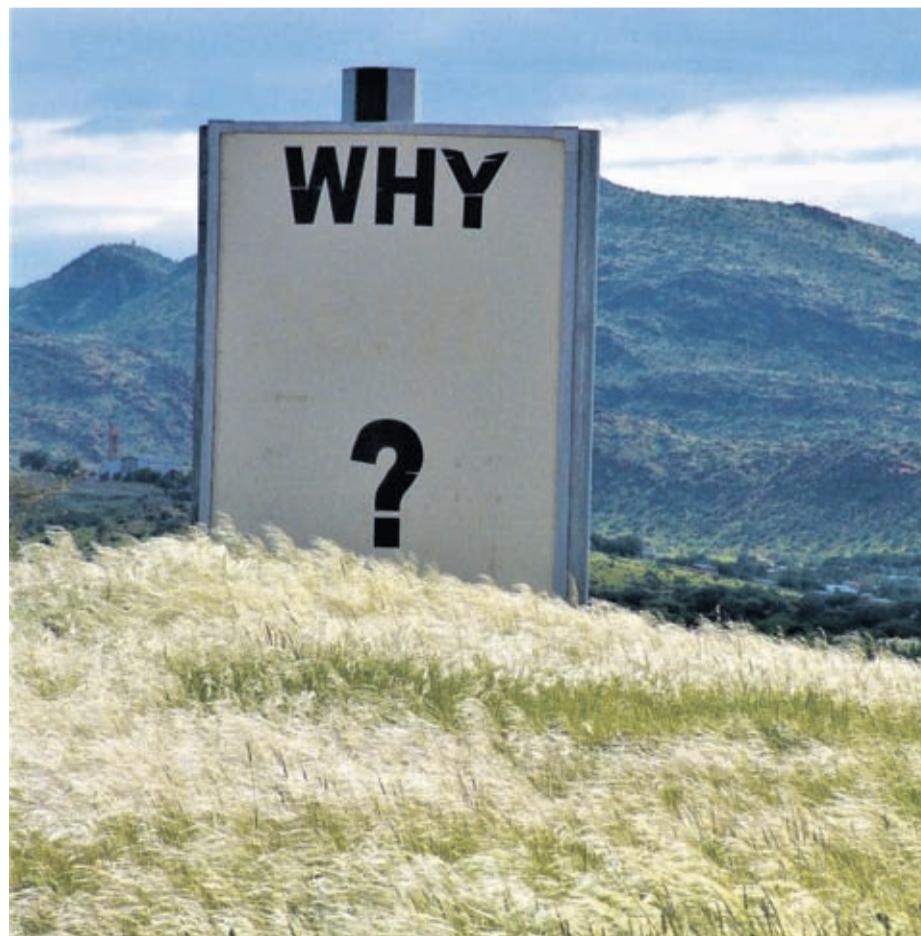


minds keep going on. People love to quote Einstein because quoting him gives an impression that one also has intelligence. A bit like rubbing off. What better way to show one's intelligence, than agreeing with a genius? It is funny though that there is a quote from the genius Einstein himself that you don't see much; he said: "It's not that I'm so smart, it's just that I stay with problems longer." That is what Einstein was all about! That may give you a hint why, where mediocre minds consider questioning a nuisance and the brilliant minds create a new theory and get a Nobel

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### Individuation is best for business

In business, individuation parallels specialization and increases efficiency. It serves as a means for individuals to find comparative advantage in their working environment or career. For business it could create a comparative advantage in the marketplace. Isn't that what most of us want, be better and make more money? Let's think of that kid's stuff above, put it into place here, and you will see that it is what is needed most in our business and our industry. It makes



you wonder how we forgot what we did at age three. Keep asking "Why"! Why the heck are we doing this and especially why this way? Why isn't there a better way? Individuation is the process through which a person or a business becomes its "true self".

In psychology it is considered the process whereby the innate elements of personality; the different experiences of a person's life and the different aspects and components of the immature psyche become integrated over time into a well-functioning whole. Take a pause, try to digest the bit of psychology, and read again but this time apply it to a business.

Individuation is stabilizing a professional's personality, or a business; it is also a process of establishing a competitive edge! Understand why the why-questions are so valuable and we should not stop asking them? In fact, we should ask it more because we all know darn well that we ourselves, our society, our business and industry are not perfect.

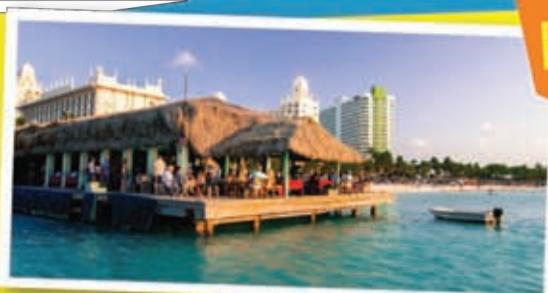
### Stop the world; start asking why!

Yes, I have come to the conclusion that most things we do in life or do in business are just a bunch of nonsense and what is worse that we keep doing it for no good reason at all. Some will blame it on the boss, some on the weather, others on childhood or their mother-in-law. Oh, almost forgot hurricane and recession. More asking Why can make us wiser, more competent and improve our mental maturity. □

### About:

Cdr.Bud Slabbaert is the initiator and coordinator of the annual Caribbean Aviation Meetup conference which will be held on St.Maarten/St.Martin, June 11-13 ([www.caribavia.com](http://www.caribavia.com)). The international results and solution oriented event brings airlift stakeholders from both aviation and tourism industry, as well as government authorities together. Slabbaert's background is accentuated by Business Development, Strategic Communication, and Journalism.

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## Tribute to Mathilde



THE HAGUE — The well-known Aruban artist-painter Gustave Nouel is one of the 25 'famous' artists invited to participate in the national exhibition 'Mathilde in Ruurlo'. Maria Theodora Mathilde de Doelder was born in Terneuzen but spent most of her life in Amsterdam. She became a Dutch society figure under the name Mathilde Willink. She became known as the third wife and model of the painter Carel Willink,

dressed in Fong Leng creations.

The organizing art-commission claims that only top-artists, from all over the Netherlands, have been invited to participate in this tribute to the tragically deceased top-model (and 'living artwork'). All 25 invited 'top-artists' can exhibit two 'free Artworks', besides one or more Artworks inspired by Mathilde, as main theme of this special exhibition.

The Aruban artist-painter Gustave Nouel, interpreted as a tribute, in his personal style, the painting: 'Goodbye to Mathilde'. Inspired by the last painting that the genial painter Carel Willink painted from Mathilde, before the tragically dead of his 38 year younger wife and Muse.

In Ruurlo, the Aruban Gustave Nouel also exhibits a portrait sketch of King Willem Alexander and exhibits for the first time a painting that won the public prize in a national 'street-painting' competition in Almere, some years ago.

This top-level exhibition can be admired until June 22 in gallery 'De Smidse'. For more information visit the website [www.mathildeinruurlo](http://www.mathildeinruurlo) and also get more details on Aruban artist Gustave Noel on [www.gustavenouel.com](http://www.gustavenouel.com). □



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## The Aruba Tourism Authority honor loyal visitors on the island

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The honorees were Robert and Mary Ann Swan together with Robert and Sheryl Dittillo recognized as Distinguished Visitors of Aruba. The Goodwill Ambassador certificates went to Thomas and Jean Adams and Frederick and Marcy Beaudry.

These lovely people stated that they love the island very much, especially for its year-round sunny weather, nice sandy beaches, delicious variety of foods, safety, and Aruba's warm and friendly people.

Ms. Richardson together with the representatives of the Divi Aruba All Inclusive Resort presented the certificates to the honorees, and also handed over some presents and thanked them for choosing Aruba as their favorite vacation destination and as their home away from home. □



# Business loans and housing mortgages continued to increase

## Summary of the Monthly Bulletin of March 2019



**Monetary developments**  
 Compared to February 2019, money supply expanded in March 2019 by Afl. 59.0 million to Afl. 4,406.1 million, due to an increase in net domestic assets of Afl. 80.6 million, which was partly offset by a decrease in net foreign assets of Afl. 21.6 million. The upsurge in the domestic component of the money supply was due to increases in domestic credit and non-credit related balance sheet items of Afl. 77.2 million and Afl. 3.4 million, respectively. The expansion in domestic credit resulted from rises in the net claims of the banking sector on the public sector and the claims of the banking sector on the private sector of Afl. 36.3 million and Afl. 40.9 million, respectively. The upturn in net claims of the banking sector

on the public sector resulted from declines in government deposits of Afl. 60.9 million and in gross claims of Afl. 24.7 million. Claims of the banking sector on the private sector expanded, due to higher business loans (+Afl. 33.2 million), housing mortgages (+Afl. 5.1 million), and consumer credits (+Afl. 2.6 million).

The Afl. 21.6 million decrease in the net foreign assets of the banking sector resulted from net sales of foreign exchange of Afl. 260.9 million to the public, mostly related to payments for goods, other investment, other services and net transfers to foreign accounts. These were largely offset by net purchases of foreign exchange of Afl. 239.3 million from the public mainly asso-

ciated with foreign exchange revenue from tourism exports.

### Inflation

The consumer price index (CPI) for March 2019 noted a 4.0 percent increase year-over-year (YOY). The main contributors to this rise were the components "Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages" and "Communication". Furthermore, by excluding the effect of food and energy, the core CPI grew by 2.2 percent (YOY). The 12-month average inflation rate was 4.1 percent in March 2019, compared to 4.0 percent in February 2019.

### Government

Total government revenue amounted to Afl. 83.5 million in March 2019, Afl. 10.1 million less than the same

month of the previous year. This outcome resulted from decreases in both nontax revenue and tax revenue of Afl. 7.6 million and Afl. 2.6 million, respectively. The reduction in tax revenue was associated mainly with declines in income from profit tax (-Afl. 5.4 million), transfer tax (-Afl. 3.6 million) and foreign exchange tax (-Afl. 2.2 million). These downturns were largely offset by increases in income from turnover tax (+Afl. 7.0 million; introduction of the B.A.V.P as opposed to the same month in 2018), and income tax (+Afl. 2.4 million).

### Tourism

Please note that figures on tourism were not yet available at the time of publication of this bulletin. □

By the Centrale Bank van Aruba

## The Great Power of Compassion

**SANTA CRUZ** — A monk and a yogi sharing about compassion and giving you insights that open the heart. Isn't that a wonderful way to grant yourself some inner peace and tranquility? Brahma Kumaris Center at Santa Cruz 113 organizes this special lecture for free, only win is your renewed energy. Join in coming Saturday evening.

Geshe Chamba Tonyut, monk, and Bk Rota Grun, yogi, will be waiting for you to share thoughts and insights about compassion. A beautiful evening where hearts will be touched. The evening will be in English

and starts at 6.30 PM until 8 PM. You are most welcome to come and gather.

The Brahma Kumaris World Spiritual University is a spiritual movement that originated in Hyderabad, Sindh, during the 1930s. The Brahma Kumaris movement was founded by Lekhraj Kripalani.

The organization is affiliated with the United Nations and is known for the prominent role that women play in the movement.

More information is to be found at Facebook: Brahma Kumaris Aruba. □



## Today's Happening



## A weekly calendar with a selection of what's going on in Aruba

Wednesday 22

## Opening Caribbean Ties Aruba

- The National Archaeological Museum, Nexus 1492 and Fundacion 1403 invites you to the opening and presentation of the temporary exhibit 'Caribbean Ties' which showcases the Indigenous heritage and culture and its contemporary value.
- From 6:30PM-9:00PM
- National Archaeological Museum- Oranjestad.
- Facebook: Nexus 1492



Thursday 23

## Cut of the Day at BLT Steak

- Savor a chef-selected and unique cut of high-quality beef at BLT Steak. Let yourself be delighted by the chef and enjoy the Cut of the Day surrounded by a bistro-inspired setting at our modern American steakhouse.
- From 6:00PM-12:00AM
- BLT Steak at The Ritz-Carlton, Aruba
- Facebook: The Ritz-Carlton, Aruba

Friday 24

## Student Art Show

- Admire artworks at the Art show by AP Studio created by students of the International School of Aruba
- From 6:30PM-9:30AM
- International School of Aruba
- Facebook: Visual art at ISA



Saturday 25

## Da Vinci on Stage 2019

- Da Vinci On Stage is an annual student showcase, with a unique multidisciplinary program featuring music, theatre, dance and short films.
- Starts at 7:30PM
- Cas di Cultura
- Facebook: Da Vinci Academy



Sunday 26

## Soul Beach Music Festival

- Join the 19th Annual Soul Beach Music Festival unique combination of excitement and sophistication nestled in an intimate setting. Performances by John Legend, Charlie Wilson, Ella Mai, Deon Cole, Aida Rodriguez, Quinn and the Jukebox and many more.
- From May 22-27
- Harbor Arena
- Facebook: Soul Beach Music Festival



Monday 27

## Exhibition 'Impression of Tibet'

- The National library presents an exhibition named 'Impression of Tibet'. Here the public will have a view of life in Tibet. Tibetan Lama Mr. Chambra Tonyut will be present at the exhibition to inspire you based on the Buddhist philosophy and values.
- From 8:00AM-5:00PM
- National Library of Aruba, Oranjestad
- Facebook: Biblioteca Nacional Aruba



Tuesday 28

## Pureocean Beachside Dining

- Aruba's hottest spot for delicious Drinks & Tasty Bar Bites!
- From 6:00PM-10:00PM
- Pureocean, Divi Aruba Phoenix
- Facebook: Pureocean

## SPORTS



Brooks Koepka reacts after sinking a putt on the 18th green to win the PGA Championship golf tournament, Sunday, May 19, 2019, at Bethpage Black in Farmingdale, N.Y.

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## Why it took 4 majors for Koepka to get his due

By DOUG FERGUSON  
AP Golf Writer

FARMINGDALE, N.Y. (AP) — Majors matter more than any other golf tournament. They are not the sole measure of greatness.

And that might be one reason it took Brooks Koepka winning four majors — as many as Rory McIlroy, one more than Jordan Spieth among his contemporaries — for the 29-year-old Floridian to get the kind of attention his game deserves. Never mind the No. 1 ranking that came with his victory Sunday in the PGA Championship. That could change in two weeks.

Koepka now is at that level — and it took back-to-back titles in the U.S. Open and PGA Championship to get there — that he makes people look when he walks onto the range, that he's considered a top favorite wherever he goes without anyone having to look up the odds.

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# MEAN GREEN



Warriors sweep Blazers with yet another big comeback

Golden State Warriors forward Draymond Green, right, blocks the shot of Portland Trail Blazers forward Al-Farouq Aminu during the second half of Game 4 of the NBA basketball playoffs Western Conference finals Monday, May 20, 2019, in Portland, Ore. The Warriors won 119-117 in overtime.

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## Renaissance man: Beilein ready to breathe new life into Cavs

By TOM WITHERS

AP Sports Writer

INDEPENDENCE, Ohio (AP)

— High on a wall and across the courts from where John Beilein was sitting, the Cavaliers' basketball history stared the new coach in the face.

He wants to make it richer. "Look at all those banners up there," Beilein said, pointing toward reminders of the 2016 NBA championship, Eastern Conference titles and division crowns won by the Cavs — most of them in the past decade. "It's been done before. Why can't it be done again?"

This basketball renaissance man is ready for his next recovery project.

Saying he won't use the word "rebuild," Beilein was introduced Tuesday by the Cavs, whose surprising choice of the 66-year-old was met with skepticism only by those who haven't crossed paths with him over his more than four decades as a coach.

Cleveland's expansive search ended last week with someone who has won at every level in college — most recently during a 12-year run at Michigan — and will now see if his team-first, family-oriented style can work in the pros.

"He's all the things you would want in a head coach," Cavs owner Dan Gilbert said.

Even before being escorted onto the podium by general manager Koby Altman, Beilein showed his eagerness to turn around a team whose run of four straight finals ended this season following the departure of LeBron James. The Cavs went 19-63 and parted with two coaches.

About an hour before the news conference, Beilein peeled off his suit coat, went onto the floor and rebounded for Cavs forward Larry Nance Jr., one of the team's core players. Moments later, he chatted with point guard Collin Sexton, who had just gotten off a plane from the Philippines and was soon practicing a jump shot that improved dramatically during his rookie season.

Beilein's first public moments as Cleveland's coach couldn't have gone better. He was joined by his wife, Kathleen, who has been with him every step of the way of a coaching career that began at Newfane Central High School in New York. All four of their children were in attendance along with four grandchildren, including grandson Johnny, who recently revealed to his grandpa that the Golden State Warriors are his favorite team.

"Here's the good news," Beilein said. "Before we were hired here, Cavs were No. 20 on the list. Now he says we're all the way up to No. 2. So that's good."

Beilein said coaching in the NBA was never on his bucket list. While he accom-

plished everything in college coaching, the exception being a Division I NCAA championship, Beilein says he would have had no regrets had he finished his career at Michigan.

But the chance to bring back the Cavs was too much to pass up. His courtship with Cleveland was a whirlwind. An initial meeting with Altman quickly escalated to Gilbert sitting in his kitchen to work out a five-year contract.

As in previous stops at Le Moyne, Canisius, Richmond, West Virginia and West Virginia, Cleveland offers a challenge.

"Rebuild is not a word we're going to use here, I saw it more as a renaissance," he said. "Let's just change and let's see what we can



Cleveland Cavaliers head coach John Beilein is introduced during a news conference, Tuesday, May 21, 2019, in Independence, Ohio.

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through different trial and error. It was one (job) that was appealing to me. Every single time that we've decided to do this, some people would say with ev-

ery job, and probably with this one, 'What are you crazy? Why are you doing that? And I say exactly that, opportunity and challenges go hand in hand.' □

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## Warriors beat Blazers 119-117 in OT for NBA Finals berth

By ANNE M. PETERSON

AP Sports Writer

**PORTLAND, Ore. (AP)** — Experience bred confidence for the Golden State Warriors, even when challenged by the upstart Portland Trail Blazers.

No matter how far they were down, they've been through too much to ever think they're out.

"We just really understand what we're capable of on both sides of the basketball," Draymond Green said. "We're never out of the fight. That's just always our mindset."

The Warriors swept their way to a fifth straight NBA Finals, getting triple-doubles from Stephen Curry and Green in a 119-117 overtime victory on Monday night.

The two-time defending champions overcame a double-digit deficit for the third straight game against the Blazers, back in the conference finals for the first time since 2000.

Green had 18 points, 14 rebounds and 11 assists, and made a key 3-pointer in overtime. Curry added 37 points, 12 rebounds and 11 assists. They became the first teammates to have triple-doubles in the same playoff game.

The Warriors will face the winner of the Eastern Conference finals between Toronto and Milwaukee. The Bucks lead that series 2-1 with Game 4 on Tuesday night in Canada.

The Warriors came back from 17 down after erasing an 18-point deficit in Game 3 and a 17-point hole in Game 2.

"We've been here before.



The Golden State Warriors players pose with the Western Conference Championship trophy after Game 4 of the NBA basketball playoffs Western Conference finals against the Portland Trail Blazers Monday, May 20, 2019, in Portland, Ore. The Warriors won 119-117 in overtime.

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We've seen everything, every experience you can imagine. So we relied on that," Curry said.

Playing without Kevin Durant, Andre Iguodala and DeMarcus Cousins, the Warriors became the first team to reach five straight finals since the Boston Celtics went to 10 in a row from 1957-66.

Damian Lillard, playing with separated ribs, had 28 points and 12 assists for Portland. He missed a 3-point attempt as time ran out in the extra period. Meyers Leonard added a career-high 30 points along with 12 rebounds.

The Warriors were up 114-113 in the extra period after Green missed the first of a pair of free throws. CJ McCollum's jumper from out

front briefly gave Portland the lead but Alfonzo McKinnie's basket put Golden State back ahead and Green made a 3-pointer to push it to 119-115 with 39 seconds left.

Lillard made a layup and Curry missed a jumper to give Portland back the ball. Facing stifling defense from both Green and Klay Thompson, Lillard couldn't get off a shot but the ball went out of bounds in the scramble. The Blazers got it back with 3.3 seconds left but Lillard's final shot didn't fall.

Blazers coach Terry Stotts was asked if he was expecting another buzzer-beating winner from Lillard, who had a memorable 3-pointer at the buzzer to clinch the first-round series

against Oklahoma City.

"Yeah, I did. I thought it was going to — kind of meant to be," Stotts said. "When he shot it, it had a good arc. I thought it had a chance."

The Blazers stretched the lead to 17 points in the third quarter, but the Warriors went on a 12-0 run to close within 95-90 early in the final period.

Green's long baseline jumper gave the Warriors a 108-106 lead with 3:30 left. Lillard's 3-pointer put the Blazers back ahead and Leonard's dunk extended it to 111-108 with just under 2 minutes to go.

After Thompson's 3-pointer tied it up again both Curry and Lillard missed 3s. Curry made a 3 from the corner with 10.7 seconds left but he was called for traveling

first and it didn't count. Lillard's layup bounced around the rim and out and the game went to overtime.

Iguodala was out because of a sore left calf. The veteran swingman, who is averaging 10.1 points in the playoffs, was hurt in the second half of Saturday's Game 3 victory.

It was not known how long he'd be out, but the Warriors said an MRI Sunday was clear. Golden State was already missing Durant because of a sore right calf. It's unknown when the two-time NBA Finals MVP will return. Also sitting is Cousins, who injured his left quadriceps in the opening round.

"We've had guys step up all along this entire time and we're going to look forward to those guys continuing to step up, no matter what happens with the injuries that we have," Green said.

"You know, we're trying to go win this thing. Never the goal is just to get there."

Lillard separated his ribs in Game 2 but was playing through the pain. He averaged 33 points in the first-round playoff series against Oklahoma City but struggled against Golden State's defensive focus on him.

Playing with urgency in an elimination game, Portland pulled in front 30-28 in the opening quarter on CJ McCollum's layup and free throw, but Curry answered on the other end with a step-back 3-pointer.

Portland went ahead 59-50 after back-to-back 3-pointers from Leonard, who finished with five 3s in the first half. □

# Sanchez homers in 9th, helps rally Yankees past Orioles 10-7

By The Associated Press

BALTIMORE (AP) — Gary Sánchez hit a three-run homer in the ninth inning to cap a New York rally fueled by Baltimore gaffes, and the Yankees pulled out a 10-7 victory Monday night. Gleyber Torres homered twice for the Yankees, who trailed 6-1 after four innings and 7-3 after six.

At that point, the Orioles fulfilled their stature as the team with the worst record in the AL. They threw to the wrong base, missed pop-ups and were outscored 7-0 over the final three innings.

New York scored in the seventh on an overthrow by left fielder Dwight Smith Jr., who fell for a fake tag-up on third base. In the ninth, right fielder Joey Rickard threw to the wrong base on a single, Smith heaved the ball past the plate on Aaron Hicks' tying sacrifice fly, catcher Pedro Severino misjudged a foul pop that preceded a two-out walk to Luke Voit and Sánchez connected off Mychal Givens (0-1).

Zach Britton (2-0) worked the eighth and Aroldis Chapman got three outs for his 12th save.

Hanser Alberto and Renato Núñez homered for the Orioles.

Yankees starter J.A. Happ allowed six runs and a pair of solo homers in 3 2/3 innings, but New York's comeback got him a no-decision.

#### ASTROS 3, WHITE SOX 0

HOUSTON (AP) — Jake Marisnick and Tyler White homered and Brad Peacock struck out nine in his third straight win to lead Houston over Chicago.

Playing without George Springer, who leads the American League with 17 homers, the Astros got pop from the bottom of the lineup to give them at least one homer in 17 straight games. They've won 11 of 12 overall and eight in a row against the White Sox. Peacock (5-2) allowed two hits in five innings. Ryan Pressly pitched a scoreless eighth to extend his MLB-record streak of appearances without allowing a run



New York Yankees' Gary Sanchez drops the bat as he watches his three-run home run during the ninth inning of a baseball game against the Baltimore Orioles, Monday, May 20, 2019, in Baltimore.

Associated Press

to 40, and Roberto Osuna gave up a hit in the ninth, preserving the shutout and earning his 12th save.

The White Sox used five pitchers on a bullpen day which began with Ryan Burr (1-1). He allowed one hit and one run — which was unearned, in two innings.

#### ATHLETICS 6, INDIANS 4

CLEVELAND (AP) — Brett Anderson left in the sixth inning with a cervical strain, and Oakland hung on to beat Cleveland.

Anderson (5-3) allowed one run in 5 1/3 innings. The 31-year-old left-hander was injured in the fifth inning when he ducked to avoid a ball hit up the middle by Roberto Pérez. Both pieces of Pérez's broken bat also sailed close to the pitcher. Anderson finished the inning, then was removed in the sixth with a 3-1 lead and a runner on second. Jurickson Profar, Matt Olson and Matt Chapman homered as Oakland extended its winning streak to four,

matching its season high. José Ramirez hit an RBI single in the eighth off Lou Trivino that pulled Cleveland to 4-3, and Blake Treinen retired Carlos González on an inning-ending ground-out with the bases loaded. Treinen picked up his eighth save in 10 chances.

Carlos Carrasco (4-4) allowed three runs, seven hits and two walks, throwing 100 pitches in five innings.

#### RED SOX 12, BLUE JAYS 2

TORONTO (AP) — David Price did not allow any earned runs over five innings in his return from the injured list, and Boston hit four home runs in a rout of Toronto.

Price (2-2), who had not pitched since May 2 because of left elbow tendinitis, allowed three hits, struck out four and walked none, throwing 67 pitches.

Toronto scored twice in the second to tie the game, including Luke Maile's second homer this year. Price then retired his final 10 batters.

Chavis, Jackie Bradley Jr., Xander Bogaerts and Rafael Devers homered for the Red Sox.

Brandon Workman, Heath Hembree, Ryan Brasier and Hector Velázquez combined for hitless relief.

#### RANGERS 10, MARINERS 9

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Asdrúbal Cabrera hit two of the five Texas homers and Mike Minor struck out 11 over six innings in a win over Seattle.

Hunter Pence, Joey Gallo and Rougned Odor also homered. The Rangers twice had back-to-back homers while winning for the fifth time in six games since losing five in a row.

Minor (5-3) had pitched 29 innings in a row at home without giving up a run before Seattle, down 7-0 at the time, scored twice in the sixth.

Tim Beckham had five RBIs for the Mariners, including his first career grand slam in the eighth to chase Shelby Miller. Seattle added three runs in the ninth, including

Daniel Vogelbach's two-run homer with two outs.

Texas went ahead to stay with a five-run first inning off Mike Leake (3-5).

#### TWINS 3, ANGELS 1

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) — Miguel Sano's two-run homer in the eighth inning lifted the Twins over the Angels.

Sano has homered twice in the past three games. He missed the first 41 games due to a right heel laceration before making his season debut last Thursday.

Eddie Rosario singled with one out in the eighth before Sano hit Ty Buttrey's fastball over the wall in right-center.

It is the first home run Buttrey (2-2) has allowed in 38 relief appearances over two seasons.

Sano's go-ahead shot came after the Angels tied it in the seventh on Tommy La Stella's two-out single to score Brian Goodwin.

Taylor Rogers (1-0) allowed one hit in 1 2/3 innings and Blake Parker got his eighth save. □

# Mets snap 5-game skid with 5-3 win over Nationals

By The Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Amed Rosario and Pete Alonso homered in the first inning as New York, after learning embattled manager Mickey Callaway is staying around, broke out of its offensive funk a bit to beat Washington.

Carlos Gómez cracked an RBI double off the wall for his first Mets hit in 12 years, and slumping Todd Frazier had a run-scoring single to help New York (21-25) stop a five-game losing streak. After the Mets built a 4-0 lead in the third, fill-in starter Wilmer Font and five relievers held off the rival Nationals. Anthony Rendon homered and Yan Gomes had three hits for Washington, including an RBI single.

Patrick Corbin (4-2) was tagged for four runs and six hits over five innings.

Pinch-hitter Dominic Smith

delivered a two-out RBI single in the eighth on the first pitch from left-hander Tony Sipp, who came off the injured list earlier in the day. Font, starting in place of injured Jason Vargas, lasted four innings before Drew Gagnon (2-0) tossed two hitless innings. Edwin Díaz pitched a scoreless ninth for his 11th save.

## PHILLIES 5, CUBS 4, 10 INNINGS

CHICAGO (AP) — J.T. Realmuto hit a solo homer in the 10th, Jake Arrieta allowed one run over six innings in his return to Wrigley Field and Philadelphia beat Chicago.

Realmuto connected with two outs against Kyle Ryan (0-1), driving a 1-2 fastball a few rows into the left-field seats to decide the opener of a four-game series between the NL East and Central leaders.



New York Mets' Pete Alonso (20) celebrates with Todd Frazier (21) after hitting a home run during the first inning of a baseball game against the Washington Nationals, Monday, May 20, 2019, in New York.

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Héctor Neris (1-1) worked a scoreless ninth. Adam Morgan struck out Jason Heyward leading off the 10th, and Juan Nicasio gave up a single to Albert Almora Jr. before Daniel Descalso grounded into a double play, giving Nicasio his first save since last June 28.

Yu Darvish gave up three runs, four hits and three

walks in innings while striking out seven. Anthony Rizzo had three hits, including an RBI single.

## BRAVES 4, GIANTS 1

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Mike Soroka carried a perfect game into the sixth inning, Ronald Acuña Jr. homered twice and Atlanta topped San Francisco. Austin Riley also homered

for the Braves, who won the opener of a seven-game trip and have won eight of 11. Soroka (5-1) struck out seven and allowed one run and two hits in eight innings. The 21-year-old Braves rookie retired the first 15 batters before Brandon Crawford led off the sixth inning with a homer to straightaway center field. □

## KOEPKA

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Why wasn't it enough when he won last summer at Shinnecock Hills to become the first repeat winner of the U.S. Open in 29 years, and only the second player to successfully defend the U.S. Open since Ben Hogan in 1951? Same major, yes, but Erin Hills and Shinnecock were entirely different tests. What kept him from mega-star status when he added the PGA Championship last summer at Bellerive to join Tiger Woods, Jack Nicklaus, Hogan and Gene Sarazen as the only players to win the U.S. Open and the PGA in the same year? That kind of company is as elite as it gets.

What made Koepka different was that he seemed to show up only at the big events. That's a nice problem to have.

Koepka now has won four of his last eight majors, a stretch not seen since Woods won seven of 11 in an amazing run through the 2002 U.S. Open at Bethpage Black. The only other



Brooks Koepka poses with the Wanamaker Trophy after winning the PGA Championship golf tournament, Sunday, May 19, 2019, at Bethpage Black in Farmingdale, N.Y.

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tournaments Koepka won during his run of majors was the Dunlop Phoenix in Japan in 2017 (by nine shots) and the CJ Cup last fall in South Korea.

Woods won 19 other times during his stretch of majors, 15 of them on the PGA Tour. Roger Maltbie's description of Woods at Pebble Beach — "It's not a fair fight" — goes well beyond that 2000 U.S. Open. It's never fair to compare Woods with any-

one. He won at a rate never before seen in golf, and it probably won't happen again.

Koepka is aware that his trophy collection is weighted heavily toward the majors. Justin Ray of a golf analytics group called "15th Club" pointed out over the weekend that Woods and Koepka are the only active players who have more victories than missed cuts in the majors: 15-9 for Woods,

4-2 for Koepka.

Don't get the idea that Koepka would trade any of his four majors for a few more Texas Opens or Phoenix Opens. It simply explains why it took longer for golf fans to embrace what he has done in the last two years.

Koepka touched on this Saturday night after he had a seven-shot lead — a PGA Championship record — and faced questions that were intended to find out what he was doing differently to win majors so regularly.

"I'm just that much more focused," Koepka said. "I think I'm more focused than anybody out there. My focus probably goes up, I don't know, tenfold of what it does in a tour event — which isn't good. I mean, it's good that I'm doing it in the majors, but I need to do that in regular weeks."

Consider some other players from his generation.

McIlroy won 12 times starting with his first major in the 2011 U.S. Open through his fourth major in the 2014

PGA Championship. Spieth won the Masters and U.S. Open in 2015 when he chased the Grand Slam, but he also won the Val-spar Championship, the John Deere Classic and the Tour Championship that year. Spieth was 23 when he won the third leg of the career Grand Slam at the 2017 British Open, and he already had 11 titles on the PGA Tour (14 worldwide). They also had name recognition before they turned pro. McIlroy was the low amateur at Carnoustie in the 2007 British Open when he was 18. Spieth tied for 16th in the Byron Nelson Classic when he was 16. Koepka?

His last name was pronounced "Cupcake" on the first tee at the Phoenix Open in 2015, his first PGA Tour victory.

The game was always there.

His caddie, Ricky Elliott, recalls being asked to work for Koepka in the 2013 PGA Championship. He saw him for the first time on the range at Oak Hill. □



France's Arnaud Demare celebrates after crossing the finish line to win the 10th stage of the Giro d'Italia cycling race from Ravenna to Modena, Italy, Tuesday, May 21, 2019.

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## Demare wins crash-affected Stage 10; Conti keeps Giro lead

MODENA, Italy (AP) — Arnaud Demare of France sprinted to victory after a crash affected the end of the 10th stage of the Giro d'Italia on Tuesday, while Italian cyclist Valerio Conti kept the overall lead.

Demare, who rides for Groupama-FDJ, edged out Elia Viviani and Rudi Selig in a bunch sprint at the end of the entirely flat 145-kilometer (90-mile) route from Ravenna to Modena.

"We came to the Giro for this. I really wanted a stage win and I got it," Demare said. "I avoided the crash because we, as a team, were very well positioned. I'm super happy."

A crash inside the final kilometer ended Pascal Ackermann's chances of claiming a third stage win at this year's Giro. The German cyclist finished the stage with his shorts and jersey in tatters.

Ackermann appeared to touch wheels with the rider in front of him, causing him

to go down and taking out a number of other cyclists. The most seriously injured was Matteo Moschetti, who briefly lost consciousness. His Trek-Segafredo teammates and other cyclists frantically waved over medics and Moschetti attempted to stand but swiftly sat down again.

The 22-year-old was taken to a hospital. As the crash happened inside the final three kilometers there were no time gaps given. Conti remained 1 minute, 50 seconds ahead of Primoz Roglic and 2:21 ahead of Nans Peters of France.

"It wasn't a hard day but, as everyone saw, danger is always around the corner," Conti said. "Luckily I managed to avoid all the crashes. It went well, another day in the pink jersey is a source of pride."

Wednesday's 11th stage is also entirely flat along the 221-kilometer route from Carpi to Novi Ligure.

The Giro finishes in Verona on June 2. □



Manny Pacquiao, left, and Keith Thurman pose for a picture during a news conference on Tuesday, May 21, 2019, in New York.

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## Thurman promises to end Pacquiao's legendary career

NEW YORK (AP) — Keith Thurman keeps calling Manny Pacquiao a legend, and in the boxing world, he probably is correct.

Then the undefeated welterweight champion keeps promising to end the ring career of the senator from the Philippines.

That could happen, too. For once, Pacquiao is the underdog in the July 20 fight in Las Vegas for the WBA belt.

Or Pacquiao, holder of titles in eight weight classes during 24 years in the sport, could continue his Hall of Fame-caliber career at age 40 with another impressive win.

"I have been in boxing for two decades and I am never scared or intimidated with my opponent, and I am so excited for this fight," Pacquiao said Tues-

day at a news conference announcing the Fox pay-per-view bout at the MGM Grand Garden Arena. "Keith Thurman is the kind of fighter you can respect. He is undefeated and this gives me more encouragement, motivation to work

hard — like I did before, in my previous fights with big names in boxing.

"I will make sure I am in

100% condition and ready for the fight, and let's see who is tougher in the ring on July 20. It is going to be exciting and I like it. I like it I am the underdog for this fight, this is fun, this is what I want."

What Thurman wants is to fully establish himself as the top gun in a loaded division. It's his first pay-per-view fight despite being 29-0 with 22 knockouts.

It's also an opportunity to prove that the rustiness he showed in a January decision over Joselito Lopez is gone after Thurman fought only three times in three years, in part due to injuries. And yeah, it's a chance to send Pacquiao packing to full-time politics.

"Come July 20, he will disappear. He belongs as a senator in the Philippines," Thurman said. "What I am doing to Manny Pacquiao is what he did to Oscar De La Hoya."

That would be the 2008 manhandling that sent De La Hoya into retirement and established Pacquiao as a worldwide boxing force.

"This is a big fight, bombs are being dropped," the 29-year-old Thurman added. "I waited 22 months to

get back in the game (after injuries). We have our ups and downs in this sport; your boy Keith Thurman is back on the rise. You will want to be there, especially because this will be this man's last fight."

Pacquiao smiled at Thurman's boast. He smiled a lot at the smack talk on Tuesday, though the verbiage never got out of hand like it did for his previous bout, when he toyed with Adrien Broner for 12 rounds in January.

Pacquiao-Thurman is an intriguing matchup. Although Pacquiao had lost a unanimous decision to Jeff Horn in 2017, he determined he was not through when many — possibly most — in the boxing world had written him off. He won the WBA crown from Lucas Matthysse a year later, then easily beat Broner.

If nothing else in a 61-7-2 career, he has staying power. Thurman seemed headed toward elite status in the sport when he won the interim WBA title in 2013 and the full championship in 2015. His wins over Shawn Porter and Danny Garcia were close but fair, and his performances were stellar. □

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### By: Dr Carlos Viana

While interning in Shanghai as a Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM) physician, I learned that an energetic heart allows the expression of joy. The literary word for lightening the mood of something is "leaven"; as in "readers tell me that these weekly articles leaven or enliven their mood". The Modern Greek word "leaven" is "enzumos" that yields the word enzyme. Enzymes are proteins produced by the cells that control or "turn on" thousands of body reactions.

One enzyme family is digestive enzymes, which help the body naturally, digest food, a good thing. Plant digestives, like Bromelain from pineapple AND Beta Pepsin or Hydrochloric Acid (HCL) are good supplement choices for overeating or eating the wrong foods. But even good things need help, like Phyllis, without whose organization skills, I would accomplish very little. Similarly, an important partner that helps enzymes work are coenzymes. The prefix "co" means together or jointly, like co-worker. One coenzyme that is getting a lot of attention is Coenzyme10 or CoQ10. This supplement is widely used in Japan to treat angina, severe chest pains because of a lack of blood to the heart. Pain, shortness of breath, fatigue, swelling of the ankles, legs or abdomen, and increased urination, are all symptoms that may signal that the heart cannot pump sufficient blood to keep pace with the energy demands of the body, congestive heart failure. If you suspect any of the above, it may be a good idea to have a

check-up.

CoQ10 is found in every cell in the body. CoQ10 assists enzymes in bringing oxygen into the cells and producing energy needed for cell growth and maintenance. It is also used by the body as an antioxidant. An antioxidant is a substance that protects cells from unhealthy chemicals called free radicals. Free radicals are highly reactive chemicals that can damage parts of cells, including DNA. DNA is a molecule inside cells that carries genetic information and passes it from one generation to the next. This damage may play a role in the development of cancer. Low blood levels of CoQ10 have been found in patients with bone, lymph gland, breast, lung, prostate, pancreas, colon, kidney, and other cancers.

Think of CoQ10 as an accelerator pedal in your car that sends more fuel to your heart. If the fuel is not available, symptoms of congestive heart failure develop. The fuel for your body is ATP whose structure includes a sugar called ribose. Combining the dietary supplement D-ribose together with CoQ10 is an energizing combination.

As a Clinical Nutritionist I always recommend CoQ10 be taken together with complementary or "co-worker" supplements; because absorption of CoQ10 into your body is poor. In fact, probably over 60 percent of most oral doses of CoQ10 are excreted by the body without being used. Absorption of CoQ10 is greater when taken together with food that has a good quality fat content, like olive oil, wild caught salmon and butter (notice I did not say margarine). Because of this, I always recommend taking CoQ10 together with a fat or oil, like Omega 3 or Alpha-lipoic acid. Quality dietary supplement manufacturers are now producing CoQ10 with enhanced absorption or bioavailability by surrounding each CoQ10 molecule with tiny fat cells of good fats like alpha-lipoic acid.

Most modern diets are deficient in Omega 3's and adding Flax seed oil or Fish oils, to a daily supplement program, which includes vitamin C, Magnesium, Zinc and Lecithin is what I feel is a great basic dietary plan. Of course, not everybody utilizes or absorbs the same. If you have any health concerns, visit a clinical nutritionist to be sure you are getting the right combination

## Joyful Heart

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Another super oil or fat is alpha lipoic acid which is known as the "universal antioxidant". It has the ability to conserve and prolong the life of vitamins C & E in the body, increasing their effectiveness. Alpha lipoic acid is also an excellent metal detoxifier, particularly for mercury and cadmium.

In Germany, alpha-lipoic acid is an approved medical treatment for nerve damage and pain, a common complication of diabetes. It speeds the removal of glucose from the bloodstream, at least partly by enhancing insulin function, and it reduces insulin resistance, the foundation of many cases of coronary heart disease and obesity. The richest food source of alpha-lipoic acid is red meat.

Alpha lipoic acid binds easily with CoQ10 making it better absorbed by your body. Because of insufficient dietary intake of healthy oils, taking alpha-lipoic acid together with CoQ10 is a good way to increase absorption of both. These two supplements in combination are extremely effective for prolonging cellular vitality and reducing the body's production of unhealthy free radicals. ALA and CoQ10 also enhance production of ATP which is the body's form of energy.

D-Ribose alone can help your body refuel and stay energized a must for athletes, older individuals, exhausted parents or anyone with busy lives. Together, ALA with CoQ10 and D-ribose help produce much more energy for all body functions, including exercise and relaxing and recovery of the body's muscles. This is a joyous thing, especially for the heart.

Get The Point! Dietary supplements are important tools that can be used to maintain or return health; but, like carpentry tools, knowledge on how to use them is instrumental. An appointment with a clinical nutritionist can identify your personal needs and introduce the correct co-workers to do the best job. My biocompatible protocol also includes heavy metal and other detoxification and acupuncture, a treatment that rebalances the body's energy, relaxes tight muscles and increases the effectiveness of dietary supplements. Want to allow more joy into your heart? Check out this and more in my book or call to make an appointment. □

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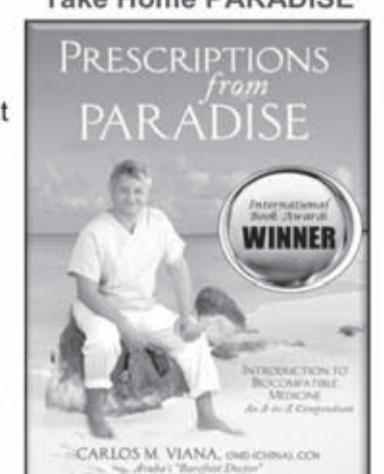
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# Millennial Money: If 'budget' bums you out, try renaming it

By KELSEY SHEEHY

NerdWallet

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Webster's New World dictionary defines budget as: "a plan or schedule adjusting expenses during a certain period to the estimated or fixed income for that period."

If that doesn't sound fun, I don't know what does. (I'm kidding. It sounds terrible.) By definition alone, budgeting sounds like a chore. So it's no surprise that many people hear the word "budget" and think: Constraints. Restrictions. Hassle. And it's even less of a surprise, then, that most people simply don't do it.

Only 33% of American adults follow a budget, according to an October 2017 survey of Americans from NerdWallet. The time and effort involved are often cited as the reasons, but trying and failing is also a barrier. In a separate study from Northwestern Mutual, 79% of respondents said being financially responsible meant not deviating from a budget.

"When people think 'budget,' they think of 'less,'" says Matt Bell, personal finance expert at Matt About Money. "I'm going to spend less. I'm going to have less fun. I'm going to have less freedom."

But it doesn't have to be that way. Taking control of your money can be the opposite of restrictive; it can actually be freeing, Bell says.

"Really, it's about getting more. More knowledge about what's happening in your financial life, so you can be more intentional with your money. So you end up having more for the things that matter to you."

## REFRAME THE CONVERSATION

The word "budget" isn't very helpful. It doesn't tell you anything about what you need to do. And, for many, it triggers negative associations. So let's call it something else.

Bell likes cash flow plan. Other people prefer spending plan or expense tracker. You can even get creative with it and coin your



In this June 15, 2018 file photo, cash is fanned out from a wallet in North Andover, Mass.

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own phrase — maybe money map or financial freedom scheme speaks to you. Whatever helps you envision the goal: to know what's coming in and going out, and adjust where needed.

"When you think about it in that way, that's pretty easy to handle," says Vicki Bogan, associate professor of finance at SC Johnson College of Business at Cornell University.

## CHANGE THE TIMING

Budgets are often reactive. You have a financial issue — too much debt, not enough savings, a series of unexpected financial hits — and you turn to a budget as a fix.

That is the right move, Bo-

gan says, but it contributes to the negative connotations. Because reacting rarely feels empowering, but taking control does. So try your best to be proac-

tive.

Try to start tracking your income and expenses before there's a problem. So, when one arises, you're ready for it. That is, by defi-

nition, empowering.

## FOCUS ON YOUR GOALS

"Nobody wakes up excited about a budget," Bell says. But you can certainly get excited about buying a house, attending your friend's destination wedding or living it up in retirement. Whatever the goal, use your spending plan as a means to achieve it. That way, you can break big expenses up over time to make them more manageable. And evaluate any purchases (outside of necessities like food, shelter and bills) against that goal. Keeping the money you put toward your goals in a separate account will help you easily see your progress (and make you less tempted to dip into that fund for something else).

## DON'T START WITH RESTRICTIONS

Yes, a spending plan involves limits. But those come in later. □

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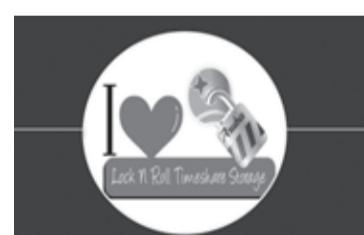
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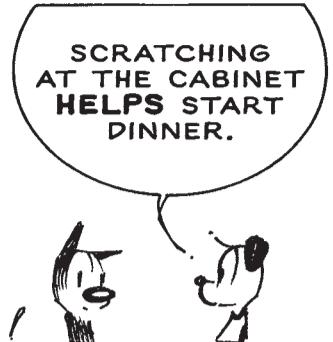
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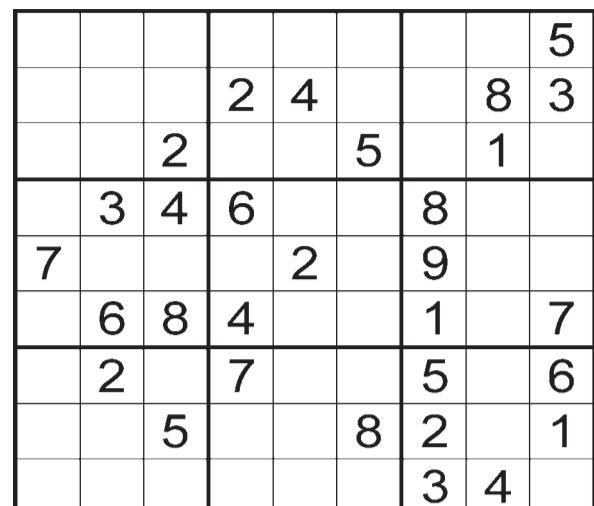
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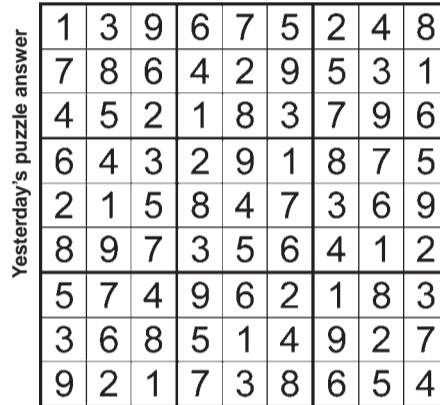
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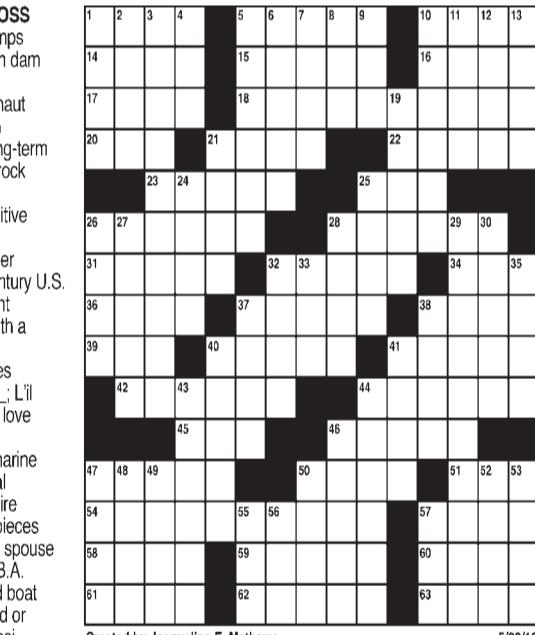
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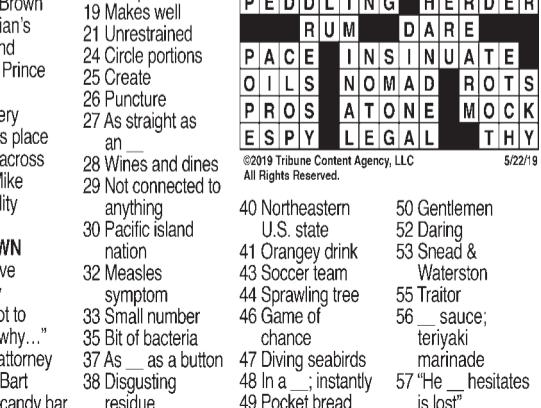
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# Many online climate change lessons are actually junk

By MICHAEL MELIA

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When science teacher Diana Allen set out to teach climate change, a subject she'd never learned in school, she fell into a rabbit's hole of misinformation: Many resources presented online as educational material were actually junk.

"It is a pretty scary topic to take on," said Allen, a teacher at Sanford Junior High School, in southern Maine. "There are some pretty tricky websites out there. You kind of have to be an expert to be able to see through that like, 'Oh, no, these guys aren't telling you the truth.'"

There are materials produced by climate change doubters, lesson plans developed by the oil industry, and countless other sites with misleading or outdated information. The Climate Literacy and Energy Awareness Network, funded by federal grants, reviewed more than 30,000 free online resources and found only 700 acceptable for use in schools.

"There's a lot of information that's out there that is broken, old, misleading, not scientifically sound, not sound technically," said Frank Niepold, a climate education coordinator at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

The Heartland Institute, an Illinois-based group that dismisses climate change, in 2017 sent thousands of science teachers copies of a book titled "Why Scientists Disagree About Global Warming." The book, attributed to the group's Non-governmental International Panel on Climate Change, misrepresents the near-universal consensus of scientists and the United Nations'



In this April 25, 2019, photo, science teacher Sarah Ott speaks to her class about climate literacy in Dalton, Ga.

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Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change that global warming is real and man-made.

Another resource, a set of six lesson plans on understanding climate change, is available online from the Canada-based Fraser Institute, which counts the Charles Koch Foundation among its financial supporters. The lessons claim that mainstream climate scientists have made selective use of data and that it's a matter of debate whether human-generated carbon dioxide emissions have contributed to climate change, saying "the issues are far from settled."

"Our history is full of examples where 'common knowledge' was discarded in favor of more correct hypotheses," the lesson plans say. Among them, it lists, "Are diseases caused by evil spirits? Are natural disasters caused by angry gods?"

And: "Does smoking pose a threat to your health?"

Also vying for educators' attention are classroom-ready materials made available by the oil compa-

nies. ExxonMobil, Chevron, Shell and other companies have invested heavily in promoting science, technology, engineering and math education in K-12 schools. Such materials are used widely to teach topics related to energy, but critics say they can mislead by not addressing the role of burning fossil fuels in global warming.

For teachers in cash-strapped schools, it can be hard to pass up the free handout materials.

Melissa Lau, a sixth-grade teacher in Piedmont, Oklahoma, attended one of the training sessions put on regularly for teachers by the Oklahoma Energy Resource Bureau, which is funded by the oil and gas companies. She kept the \$50 stipend and the tub full of science equipment she got from the group but she tossed its illustrated lesson plans featuring the character "Petro Pete."

In a book available online, Petro Pete has a nightmare about everything that would be missing from his life if there were no petroleum products, from his toothbrush to his school bus.

"I get free beakers and cool things like that," Lau said. "But the curriculum itself is borderline propaganda."

A spokeswoman for the industry group, Dara McBee, said their materials align with Oklahoma standards, which do not reference climate change, and they

are intended to supplement what students learn in school.

Kevin Leineweber, a science teacher at Cascade High School in Clayton, Indiana, said he is skeptical about resources sent to him, including oil industry materials, but some colleagues are less so. At a districtwide science meeting a couple months ago one elementary school teacher expressed excitement about receiving unsolicited materials on climate change in the mail, to help introduce the topic to students. After talking it over with Leineweber, the teacher tossed the mailing of unknown origin.

"I'm just like, 'Oh, jeez,'" Leineweber said.

The oil industry materials have the effect of pushing climate change to the periphery, Charles Anderson, a professor of science education at Michigan State University.

"The school systems of the country are so fragmented and under-resourced that they have no choice but to turn to people like the oil industry who offer them free stuff," he said.

Climate change education varies across states, and often from one classroom to the next. The Next Generation Science Standards, which emphasize climate change and how humans are altering the planet, have been adopted by or served as a model for most states. But many teachers

report that they shy away from the topic not only because of issues with materials but also the political sensitivities, and uncertainty over where to introduce an issue that crosses so many disciplines.

Diana Allen, 48, said she began to see it as her duty to teach climate change even though it's not required under Maine's science education standards. For her lesson plans on climate change, she turns primarily to other teachers, pulling resources they have vetted and shared on an email thread overseen by the National Science Teachers Association. Other teachers have turned to the National Center for Science Education, which posts free climate change lessons and has a "scientist in the classroom" program.

Many educators say that climate change as an area of instruction is still so new that textbook publishers have not caught up enough to provide useful materials.

"I have a Ph.D. from Stanford in biochemistry, and it's still hard for me to source stuff that works in my classroom right," said Kirstin Milks, an Earth science teacher at Bloomington High School South in Indiana.

Milks helps train educators on how to teach climate change. In their applications, many teachers display a sense of urgency, she said.

"I think we all are in that same boat of understanding that this might be one of the most important social justice issues of our time, one of the most important environmental issues of our time, one of the most important political issues of our time," she said.

Sometimes educators have to push back against what their students are taught in other classrooms.

Leigh Foy, a science teacher at York Suburban High School in Pennsylvania, said a social studies teacher at her school has told students for years that climate change is a hoax and he could prove it with an experiment. □

## 3 handwritten wills found in Aretha Franklin's home

By ED WHITE  
Associated Press

PONTIAC, Mich. (AP) —

Three handwritten wills have been found in the suburban Detroit home of Aretha Franklin, months after the death of the "Queen of Soul," including one that was discovered under cushions in the living room, a lawyer said Monday.

The latest one is dated March 2014 and appears to give the famous singer's assets to family members. Some writing is extremely hard to decipher, however, and the four pages have words scratched out and phrases in the margins.

Franklin was 76 when she died last August of pancreatic cancer. Lawyers and family members said at the time that she had no will, but three handwritten versions were discovered earlier this month. Two from 2010 were found in a locked cabinet after a key was located.

The 2014 version was inside a spiral notebook under



In this Dec. 4, 2008 file photo, Aretha Franklin performs during the 85th annual Christmas tree lighting at the New York Stock Exchange in New York.

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cushions, said an attorney for Franklin's estate, David Bennett.

Bennett, who was Franklin's lawyer for more than 40 years, filed the wills on Monday.

He told a judge that he's not sure if they're legal under Michigan law. A hearing is scheduled for June 12.

Bennett said the wills were shared with Franklin's four

sons or their lawyers, but that a deal wasn't reached on whether any should be considered valid. A statement from the estate said two sons object to the wills. Sabrina Owens, an admin-

istrator at the University of Michigan, will continue to serve as personal representative of the estate.

"She remains neutral and wishes that all parties involved make wise choices on behalf of their mother, her rich legacy, the family and the Aretha Franklin estate," the statement said.

In a separate court filing, son Kecalf Franklin said Aretha Franklin wanted him to serve as representative of the estate in the 2014 will. He is objecting to plans to sell a piece of land next to his mother's Oakland County home for \$325,000. Judge Jennifer Callaghan in April approved the hiring of experts to appraise Franklin's assets and personal belongings, including memorabilia, concert gowns and household goods. The Internal Revenue Service is auditing many years of Franklin's tax returns, according to the estate. It filed a claim in December for more than \$6 million in taxes. □

## DJ Khaled on Nipsey Hussle: 'He's like a prophet'

By MESFIN FEKADU  
Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — During the recording of what became one of Nipsey Hussle's final songs, the rapper and DJ Khaled spoke passionately about "our families, entrepreneurship, leadership and just love," Khaled recalls.

The result of the session is "Higher," the latest single from Khaled's new album "Father of Asahd," released Friday. Before Hussle's March 31 death, they filmed a music video for the song, which also features John Legend.

"It was incredible, man. We was in the studio, it was all beautiful energy. We had some great conversation before the studio session (and) we had lunch," Khaled said in an interview with The Associated Press on Monday. "He had a beautiful spirit, beautiful vibe, beautiful energy. When we got to the studio, he put that into the song." Khaled, 43, is donating all



This combination photo shows rapper Nipsey Hussle at an NBA basketball game between the Golden State Warriors and the Milwaukee Bucks in Oakland, Calif. on March 29, 2018, left, and DJ Khaled at the Billboard Music Awards in Las Vegas on May 20, 2018.

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proceeds from "Higher" to Hussle's children, 10-year-old Emani and 2-year-old Kross. The video, also released Friday, was filmed

days before Hussle was shot to death in what police said was a personal dispute outside his South Los Angeles clothing store.

"It's sad and so beautiful at the same time," Khaled said of Hussle's passing. "Everybody in the world is representing Nipsey's mes-

sage, coming together, unifying. That's what Nipsey wanted. The sad part is that he's not here in the physical form to see it. He's such a great man and a great leader. He's like a prophet. The world felt it and the world is coming together to continue his message. The marathon continues. Long live Nipsey Hussle. He's here right now."

Khaled, a king of collaborations, reaches new levels on his 11th album, which features more than 30 guests, including Beyoncé, Jay-Z, Cardi B, Justin Bieber, Chris Brown, J Balvin, SZA, 21 Savage, Travis Scott, Chance the Rapper and Post Malone. He performed some of his new music Monday night at the launch event of Pepsi #Summergram on Instagram, which includes hundreds of new AR filters on the social media app.

"It's blessing that I get to work with the greats and work with the new greats and just work with great energy. □

# Recreating 'Aladdin's' magic with Will Smith and fresh faces

By LINDSEY BAHR

CINDY MARTIN

**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — In 1992, Disney transported audiences to the mythical land of Agrabah, where they met a street rat with a heart of gold, a flying carpet, a headstrong princess and a magical genie with some oddly current pop culture references. With the music and lyrics of Alan Menken, Howard Ashman and Tim Rice, "Alad-

din" would go on to win the hearts of millions and become the highest-grossing picture of the year. It was an ambitious animation project that paid off and generated decades of fan goodwill, not to mention the two Oscars and a future Broadway musical. Now, following in the lucrative footsteps of "Beauty and the Beast" and others, the studio is taking another shot at "Aladdin," this time

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This image released by Disney shows Mena Massoud as Aladdin, left, and Will Smith as Genie in Disney's live-action adaptation of the 1992 animated classic "Aladdin."

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in live-action. The film, from director Guy Ritchie, opens nationwide Friday.

But how do you recreate the magic of "Aladdin" without the help of a genie's lamp?

Well, getting a movie star like Will Smith on board doesn't hurt. Smith agreed to play the Genie. The part was originated by the late Robin Williams, who brought his signature irreverence and wit and modern references to the role. But even with Smith's bona fides, he was nervous. Williams' performance has become iconic in the past 27 years. In other words, it would be a tough act to follow.

"It was not a no-brainer," Smith said. "I was really terrified at first. You know, you have to be careful with these types of films that mark people's childhoods." Smith and the filmmakers knew that remaking "Aladdin" would inevitably involve a delicate dance of paying homage to the original while also modernizing some aspects of the story, including casting ethnically appropriate leads, who could sing and dance and carry a large scale production, and giving a character like Princess Jasmine more agency.

They found Egyptian-born and Canada-raised actor Mena Massoud to play Aladdin and British actress

Naomi Scott, who is of half South Asian descent, to play Jasmine.

"She was one of my favorite princesses," Scott said. "I think I gravitated toward her because of her strength and because I felt like I saw myself in her."

In this film, she's fighting for equality and the opportunity to succeed her father as Sultan.

"It's just about her being human and more well-rounded," said Scott. She even gets her own empowerment anthem in a new original song called "Speechless," written by Menken, and fellow Oscar-winning songwriters Benj Pasek and Justin Paul ("The Greatest Showman," "La La Land").

Menken was the bridge between past and present for the production, and said he had to be both the "keeper of the flame of the original" and "part of a new team."

"When you're working at Disney you have a lot of people keeping an eye, a very careful eye, on the legacy," Menken said. "So I am very protective."

Naturally, the filmmakers wanted to give the production an epic feeling fitting of an overseas action-adventure musical.

"Aladdin" was shot on a massive soundstage outside of London, where the Agrabah set spanned the

size of two football fields, and on location in Jordan, including at Wadi Rum. It was not lost on Ritchie that "Lawrence of Arabia" was also filmed there. Since there's no real city of Agrabah, production designer Gemma Jackson ("Game of Thrones") used elements of Moroccan, Persian and Turkish architecture as inspiration.

As far as musical numbers go, the biggest production of the film by far is the "Prince Ali" sequence, where Aladdin, with the Genie's help, enters the city as they think royalty would, boasting of his great wealth, bravery and an assortment of animals including 75 golden camels, 53 peacocks and 95 white Persian monkeys.

Ritchie employed 250 dancers and 200 extras to flesh out the world and commissioned a 30-foot high camel made of 37,000 flower heads for "Ali" to ride in on.

"It's one of the biggest dance sequences you'll ever see in a movie. It's the sequence I'm most proud of," Smith said. "You got to go check it out. It's hot."

While there will be many, many familiar touchstones for audiences from the songs to the score to even some of the dialogue, there are some ways the live-action film had to deviate from the original. □

# 'The Lighthouse,' with Robert Pattinson, illuminates Cannes

By JAKE COYLE  
Associated Press

**CANNES, France (AP)** — Robert Eggers' "The Lighthouse," starring Robert Pattinson and Willem Dafoe as turn-of-the-century lighthouse keepers, kicked up a storm Sunday at the Cannes Film Festival with a wave-making, madhouse period tale that seemingly washed ashore from another era.

"The Lighthouse," Eggers' anticipated follow-up to the 2015 indie horror hit "The Witch," premiered in the festival's Directors' Fortnight section.

While "The Witch" adopted the psychological folktales and terrors of a 1630s New England family, "The Lighthouse" is about a taciturn and weathered duo of 1890 seamen keeping the light on a remote Maine island. They gradually descend into the kind of isolation-induced maritime madness that Herman Melville would approve of. Eggers shot it in black-and-white, on 35mm, in a nearly square format and through early 20th-century lenses. Filmed on a desolate spit of volcanic rock on the southern edge of Nova Scotia, "The Lighthouse" has already developed the stuff of legend as an audacious and harsh on-location production. Eggers built a 70-foot (20-meter) lighthouse with a working beam that, he proudly said in an interview before the movie's premiere, could shine for 16 miles (25 kilometers).

"I had fun every day," said Eggers. "But it was extremely miserable. Filmmakers and actors complaining about suffering, but, I mean, that's part of what's exciting about this. But it was very harsh and unforgiving. I'm from New England. I don't mind the cold. I prefer to be cold than hot. But the wind on this rock was relentless. There's no relief. At times, the wind was so loud that you can't hear the person five feet away from you."

Pattinson and Dafoe certainly agreed. When asked by an audience member after the movie's first



Director Robert Eggers, from left, actors Willem Dafoe and Robert Pattinson pose for portrait photographs for the film 'The Lighthouse' at the 72nd international film festival, Cannes, southern France, Sunday, May 19, 2019.

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screening if any animals were hurt during the production (some seagulls have a rough go of it), Dafoe laughed and gestured at himself and his co-star. "Yeah, these two animals," Dafoe said. The elements, both said, were grueling. Pattinson recalled filming a scene in which he runs over jagged rock in period-appropriate shoes as "one of the more terrifying things I've ever

done in my life." "Even the simplest things I was doing, like pushing a wheelbarrow around, it's impossible," Pattinson said. "Because of the nature of the story, you could really push the physicality. There's not too many movies or parts where you can really let fly with your body without looking completely ridiculous and out of place." Feverish and funny, bleak and bone-chilling, "The

Lighthouse" is a unique and darkly comic gothic nightmare. Critics received it in Cannes as one of the festival's certain highlights. A24 is expected to release it in theaters later this year. After "The Witch," Eggers spent a few years developing larger projects, including a remake of 1922 "Nosferatu." But when those stalled, he turned to a contemporary story that his brother, Max Eggers, had begun about

a ghost in a lighthouse. Robert took it in a different direction that, given his deeply researched "The Witch" (which was written in period dialect), inevitably turned toward the past.

"I started researching and decided that I would make mine a period story, unsurprisingly," Eggers said. "I came across a real account of two lighthouse keepers that had the same name, one older and one young, and that inspired the idea of this two-hander about identity that could evolve into something mythological."

While a bigger budget than "The Witch," the scale was still small, allowing the 35-year-old New Hampshire-native filmmaker complete artistic control — a major factor for Eggers ultimately choosing "The Lighthouse" as his second movie, he says. So he plunged, again, into fiction and nonfiction period sources and dictionaries "of strange origins." "I like striving for the best interpretation of historical accuracy because I feel like that is a very high bar for all of my collaborators to reach," Eggers said. "We know what it is. You're not inventing things, you have clear goals. And I also like transporting an audience to another time and place. □

## The creator of 'Hannibal' returns with new monster

By JEFF AYERS  
Associated Press

"Cari Mora" by Thomas Harris (Grand Central). In Thomas Harris' new novel, Cari Mora escaped a violent past and now lives in Miami. She can stay in the United States thanks to a temporary protected status, but she still fears being sent back to her native country.

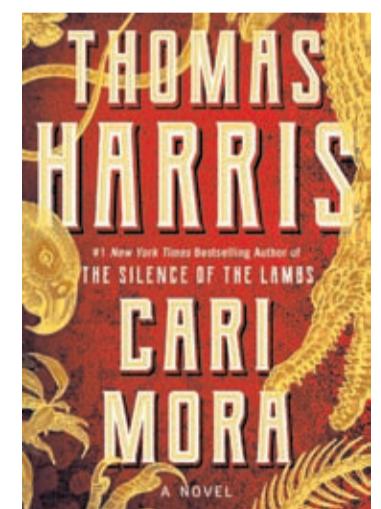
She works as caretaker of the house that was once owned by drug lord Pablo Escobar. The house has a reputation of not only being haunted, but also the possibility of a treasure of \$25 million of gold hidden somewhere underneath the residence. So when a

man named Hans-Peter Schneider and his colleagues rent the house to make a film, she knows what they are really after. Hans-Peter is a sociopath like another famous Harris villain, but does not come close to the nuance and sophistication of Hannibal Lecter. Lecter has elements of his personality and behavior that elevates him above being a typical antagonist, while Hans-Peter has a lie machine and weapons. They are both monsters, but only one is truly terrifying.

The push for the treasure puts Mora in the middle of ruthless people who will do anything to achieve their

goals, and to stay alive she will have to remember skills she learned in her past that she was trying to forget. Descriptions run between vague and excessively graphic. A couple of scenes will remind readers of the brain eating scene from "Hannibal." The writing veers between elegant and repulsive.

Readers who are fans of "Red Dragon" and "Silence of the Lambs" will be disappointed in Harris's first novel to not feature Lecter since his debut, "Black Sunday," which was released in 1975. Ultimately this book will be remembered primarily for its look at the Miami area amid carnage, greed, the



This cover image released by Grand Central shows "Cari Mora," a novel by Thomas Harris.

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plight of immigrants and survival. □

# Cooperstown stirs emotions for dad of young baseball player

By LARRY LAGE

Associated Press

COOPERSTOWN, N.Y. (AP)

— Two places have triggered tears of joy in my life: The Vatican and Cooperstown.

I wasn't surprised when it happened in my mother's homeland while kneeling and praying in St. Peters as the nephew of a Roman Catholic priest and the great nephew of a Dominican nun.

Even though I'm an emotional Italian-American, I did not expect to have my emotions tugged as they were last month in upstate New York.

With my wife, our son, daughter and her friend, we broke up a nine-hour drive from Ann Arbor, Michigan, to Cooperstown into a two-day trip. We stopped for chicken wings at Duff's in Buffalo, spent a night in the Finger Lakes region and visited Seneca Falls where the women's rights convention was held in 1848.

We were going to Cooperstown, naturally, for baseball.

I found out over the course of a week there's much more to the one-stoplight village than its No. 1 attraction, the National Baseball Hall of Fame, which is truly a great shrine for the game. My son plays for a 12 years old-and-under travel baseball team, Michigan Blue Jays Treat, that wrapped up its season at Cooper-



In this Sept. 25, 2014, file photo, an exhibition baseball game is played at Doubleday Field in downtown Cooperstown, N.Y., near the National Baseball Hall of Fame.

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town Dreams Park. The sprawling and spectacular 165-acre facility is surrounded by lush forests providing a picturesque backdrop on any one of 20-plus fields enclosed by green, eight-foot walls.

Cooperstown Dream Park host 13 weeklong tournaments each summer and draws the country's best travel baseball teams from as far away as Hawaii. It brings in more than 500,000 visitors to a village with fewer than 2,000 year-round residents.

The tournament has created a unique culture in

which it is common for an infielder to extend a hand for a competitor to slap when rounding the bases after clearing the fences in a ballpark where a 200-foot fly is a home run.

When I saw that the first time, it touched me and that's tough to do at a sporting event for a sports writer who has been to thousands of games.

The tears flowed, though, on another day when walking to the National Baseball Hall of Fame on Main Street, which looks like a Norman Rockwell painting. It took some time for me to pull it together before joining our team's players, coaches, parents and siblings for a wonderfully informative 30-minute talk with Baseball Hall of Fame director of communications Craig Muder.

Even if you don't have a player to root for at Cooperstown Dreams Park, check out a game if you can make it there before the end of the month or any other summer.

It'll give you a good excuse to check out a place unlike any other. Locals say they love the fall when the leaves are changing colors on countless trees and crowds are smaller, so that may be a great time to getaway to this gem.



In this July 16, 2018 photo, baseball greats Babe Ruth, left, and Ted Williams are depicted at bat, in statues at the National Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, N.Y.

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themselves to peanuts and Cracker Jack, a nod to the song "Take Me Out to the Ballgame." Near the stop light, the Inn at Cooperstown serves ice tea, lemonade and cookies on the porch.

To accommodate the seasonal floods of people, there are also many hotels, including some nationally known ones, and motels along with homes from lakefront homes to simple cabins for rent.

## WHERE TO EAT

Main Street is filled with dining options, including the can't-miss Nicoletta's Italian Cafe along with Sal's Pizzeria and Cooperstown Diner. Please do yourself a favor and make a 5-minute drive north of downtown, to eat and or drink at The Blue Mingo Grill. The restaurant is in a boatyard on 9-mile-long Otsego Lake and serves perhaps the best chowder west of New England.

## MORE THAN BASEBALL

Two museums perched on waterfront property once owned by author James Fenimore Cooper who wrote "The Leatherstocking Tales" series, are also popular attractions. The Fenimore Art Museum has a highly regarded Native American collection and the Farmers' Museum puts visitors on an active farm. q



In this July 16, 2018 photo, baseball greats from the first class inducted into National Baseball Hall of Fame are honored in the Plaque Gallery at the National Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, N.Y.

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